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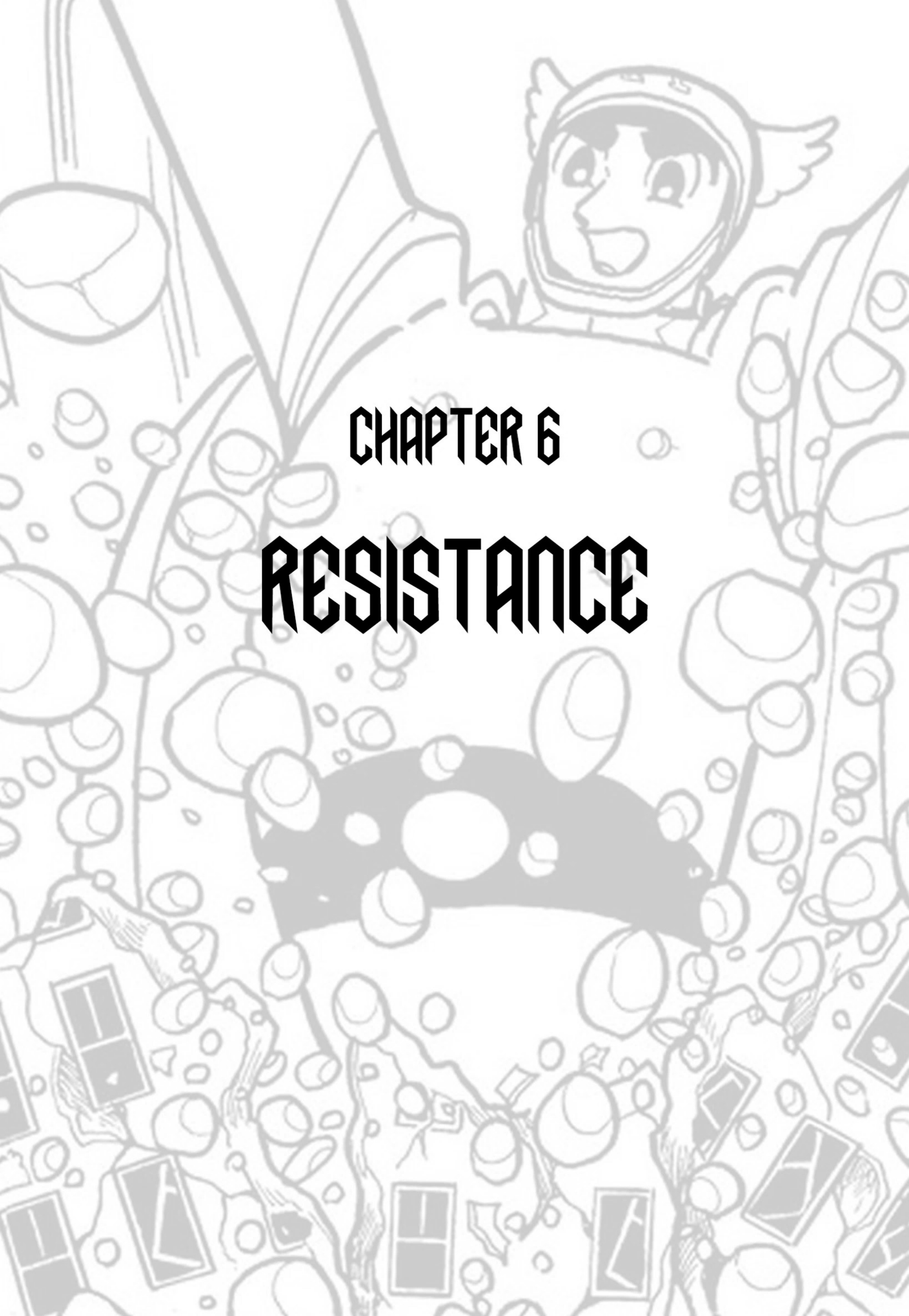
Akira and Nina, who had escaped from the concentration camp in the country of Carthago which had been occupied by the Nazi League, roam through the desert but are saved by the people of the resistance who hope to change Carthago into a peace country as of old. Hans attempts to regain Big X by taking the resistance people as hostage but Akira injects Big X in himself and grows into giant propotions. He manages to save the hostages.

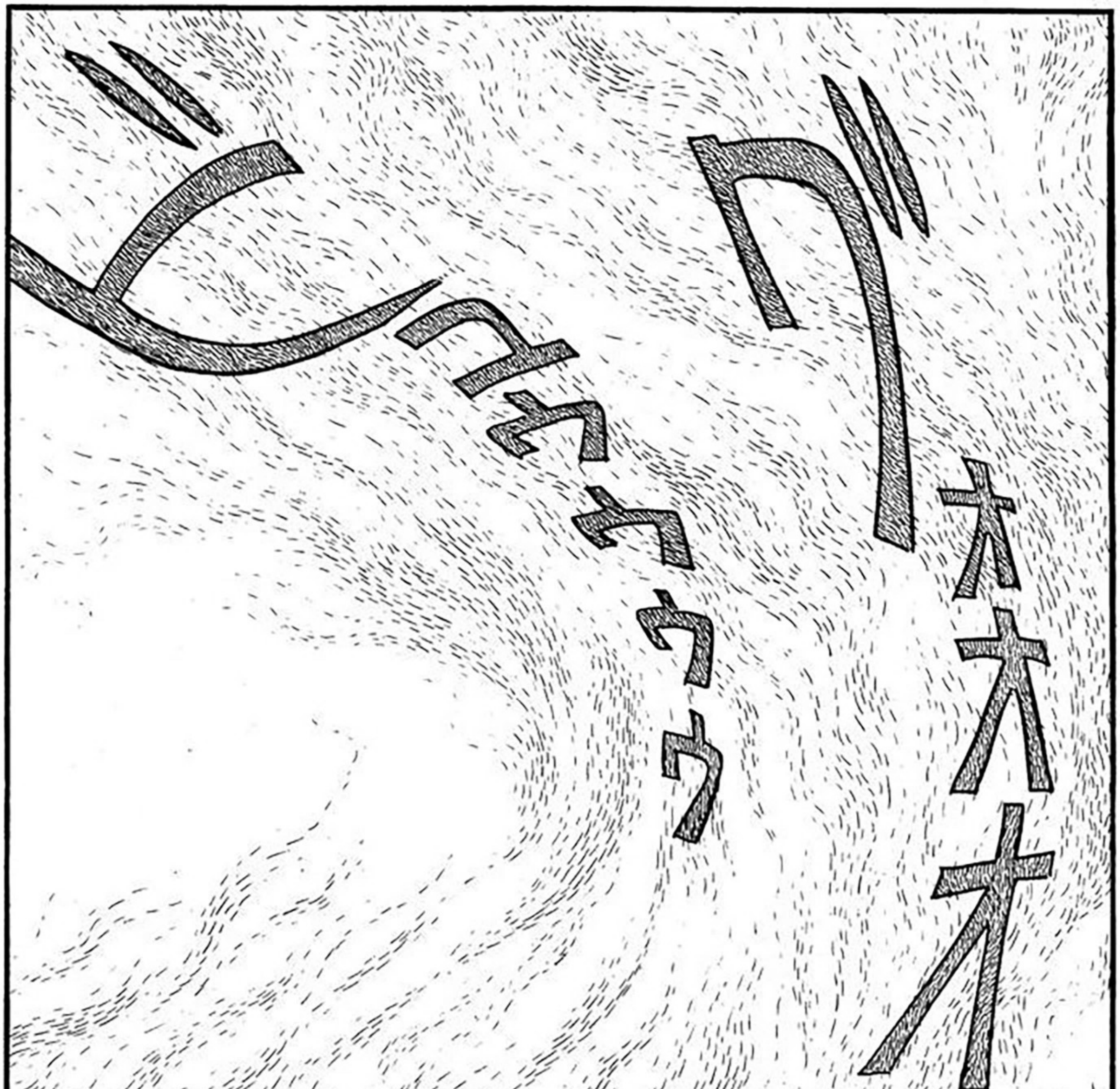
Akira and Nina hide themselves in the town and try to persuade Hans that he should use Big X in a correct way. Hans turns a deaf ear to the persuation and using the V-3, he captures Akira. However, the Führer of the Nazi League attempts to shoot and kill Hans because he had taken so much time to regain Big X. But Akira, who had hidden Big X in the sole of his shoe, injects the medicine into himself and grows to giant proportions. He then destroys the general headquarters and the missile base and brings back peace to Carthado.

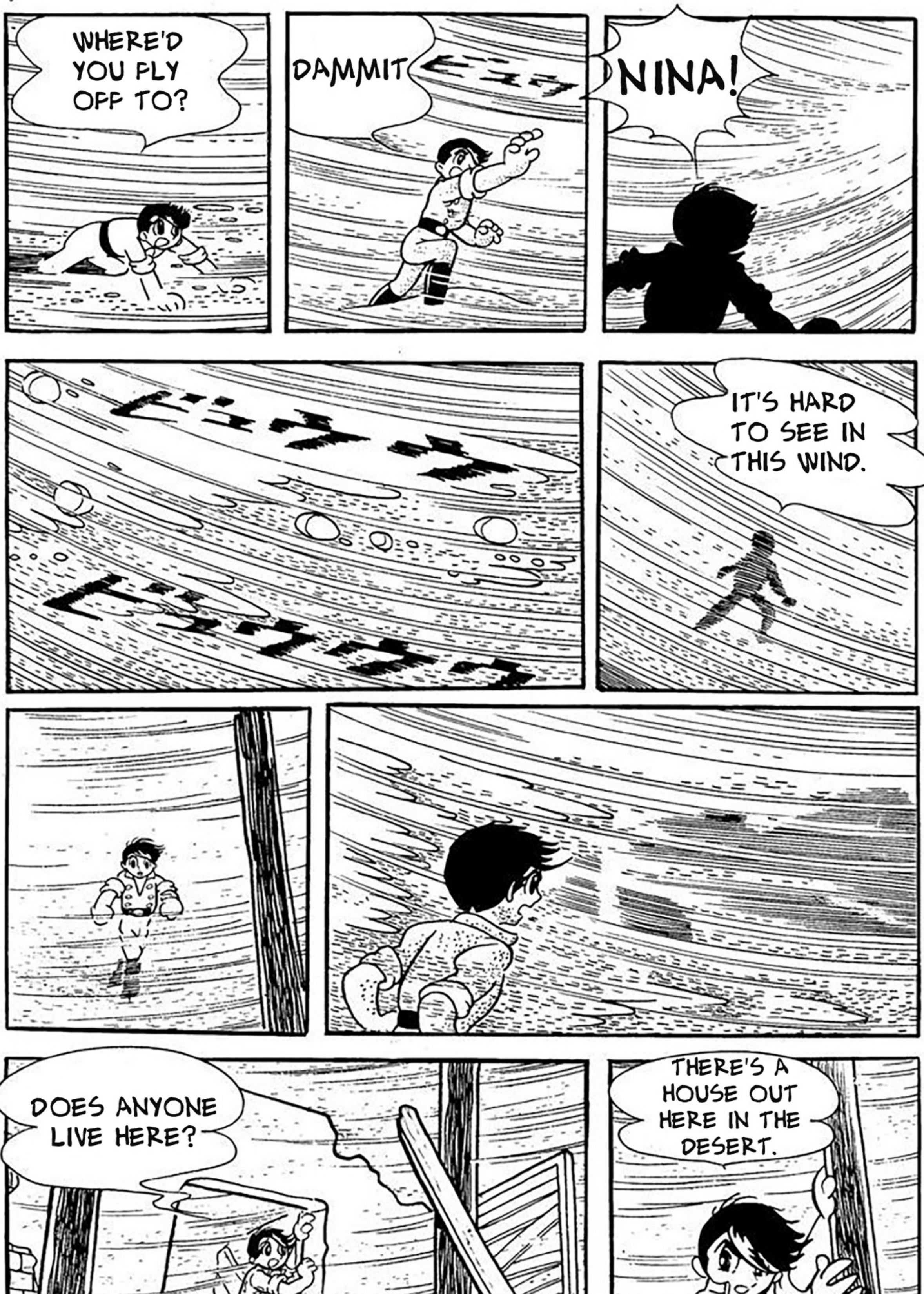
Akira and Nina attempts to return to Japan on the back of a bald eagle which had been injected with Big X. Hans suddenly appears and shoots down the eagle. Akira and Nina fall down in a woods where was located the fortress of the Cross Party, a secret society affiliated with the Nazi League. Members of the Cross Party attempt to take away Big X from Akira. It was a wild dog which rescued Akira from this pinch. The dog had been saved by Akira once when it was about to be devourded by an alligator. Akira injects into himself Big X and destroys the fortress. (To be continued in Vol. III).

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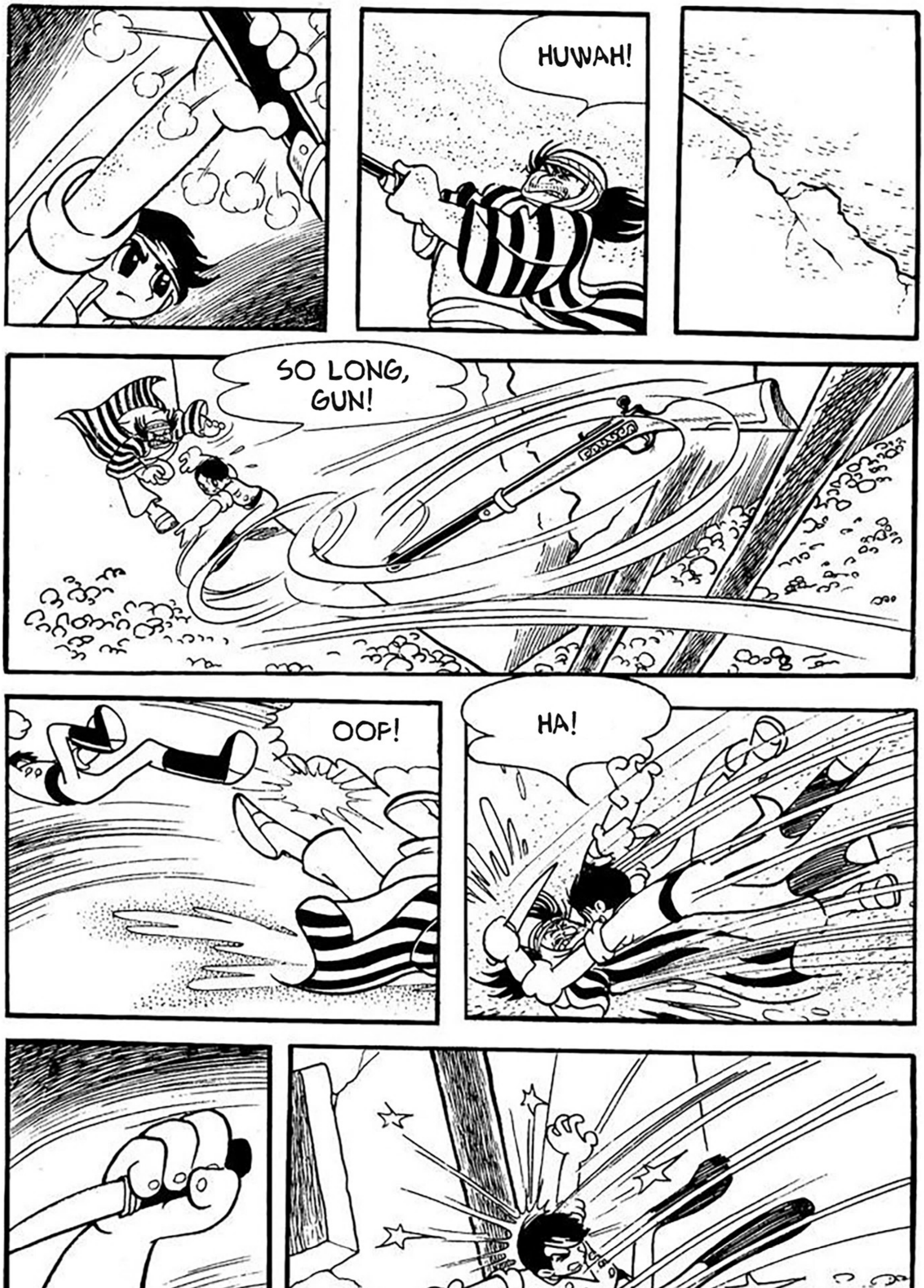
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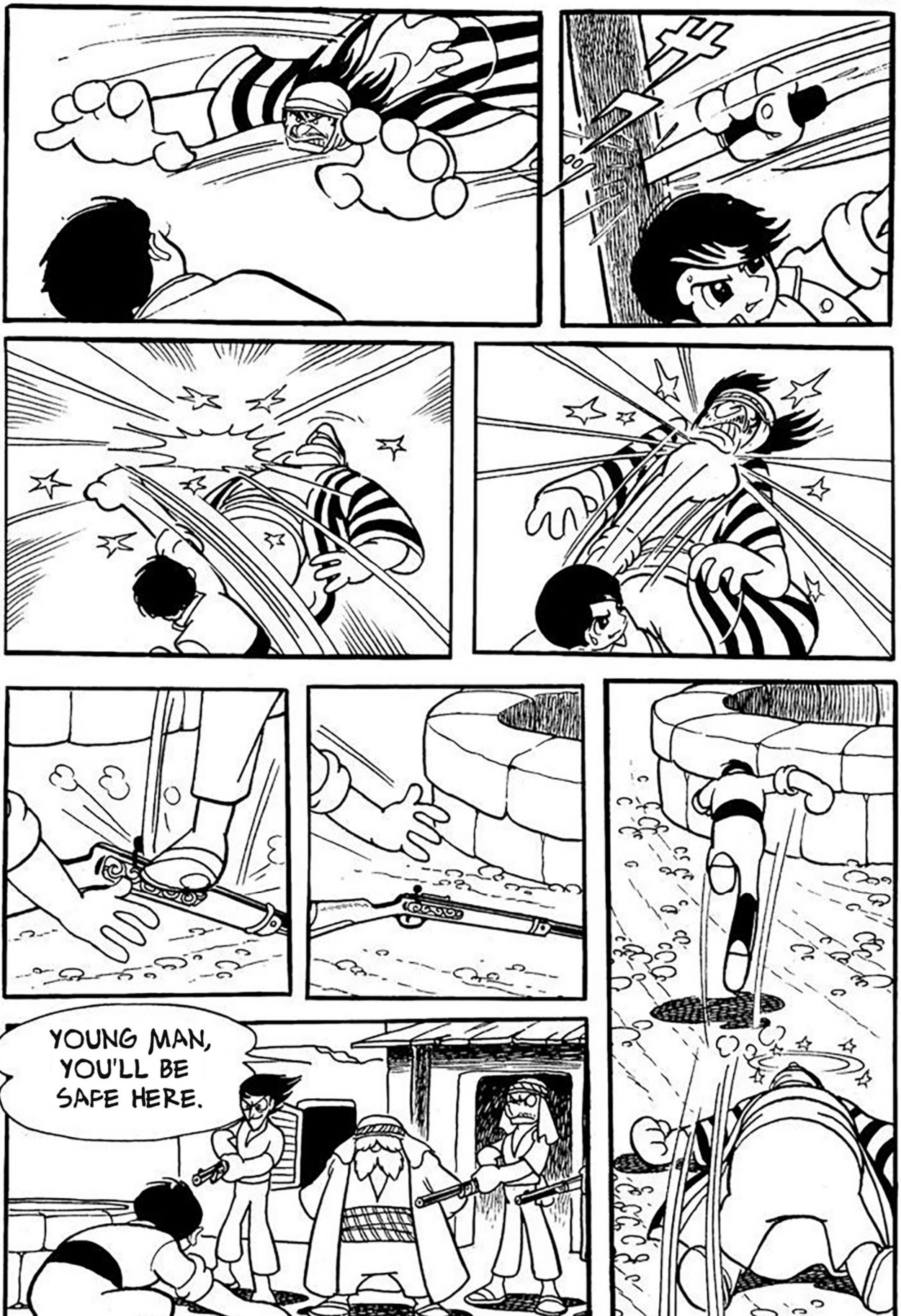



NINA'S
GONE!


WHERE'D YOU FLY OFF TO?
DAMMIT
NINA!
IT'S HARD TO SEE IN THIS WIND.
DOES ANYONE LIVE HERE?
THERE'S A HOUSE OUT HERE IN THE DESERT.


YOU WANT WATER EH?
THERE'S A WELL!
GET OUTTA HERE OR I'LL BLOW YER HEAD OFF!
WHO ARE YOU? DO YOU LIVE HERE?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO HEART-LESS?
IF YOU DON'T LEAVE I'LL KILL YA!
WHY ARE YOU SO VIOLENT?
I'M NOT FALLIN' FER THAT. YOU'RE JUST LYING TO GET INTO THIS HOUSE.
I'VE BEEN CHASED BY THE MOUND SOLDIERS ACROSS THE DESERT

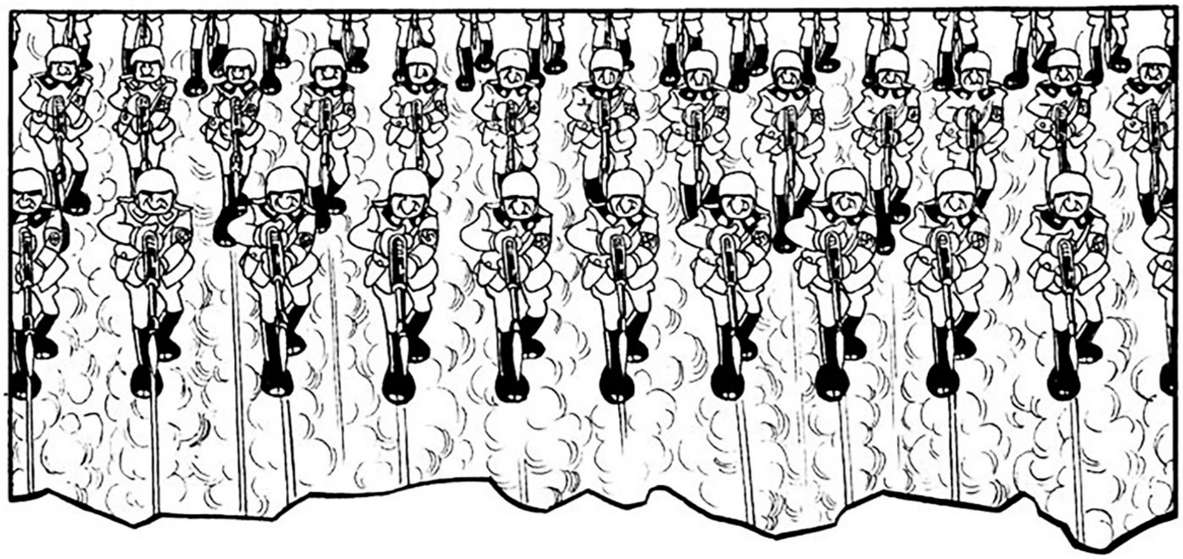

HUWAH!
SO LONG, GUN!
OOP!
HA!


YOUNG MAN, YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE.


I FOUND HER IN THE WIND. SHE'S BADLY INJURED SO I GAVE HER AN OLD FAMILY POTION THAT WILL CURE HER.
OOF, I'M STARVING ...
WE HAVEN'T EATEN OR DRANK ANYTHING FOR TWO DAYS.
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT I CAN TELL BY LOOKING IN YOUR EYES YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE BAD PEOPLE. SO DON'T WORRY.
WE CAN STAY FOR THE NIGHT? THANK YOU SO MUCH.


THANK YOU, I'M STARTING TO FEEL HUMAN AGAIN.
I'M GOING TO GET SOME THINGS DONE THEN RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT
THEY AREN'T NAZI SPIES.
DAD, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KEEP A STRANGER LIKE HIM IN THIS VILLAGE?
BUT WE CAN'T LET THEM SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING
I DOUBT THEY CAME HERE TO ASK ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR TOMORROW
DON'T WORRY, HIS SOUP HAS SLEEPING POWDER IN IT.

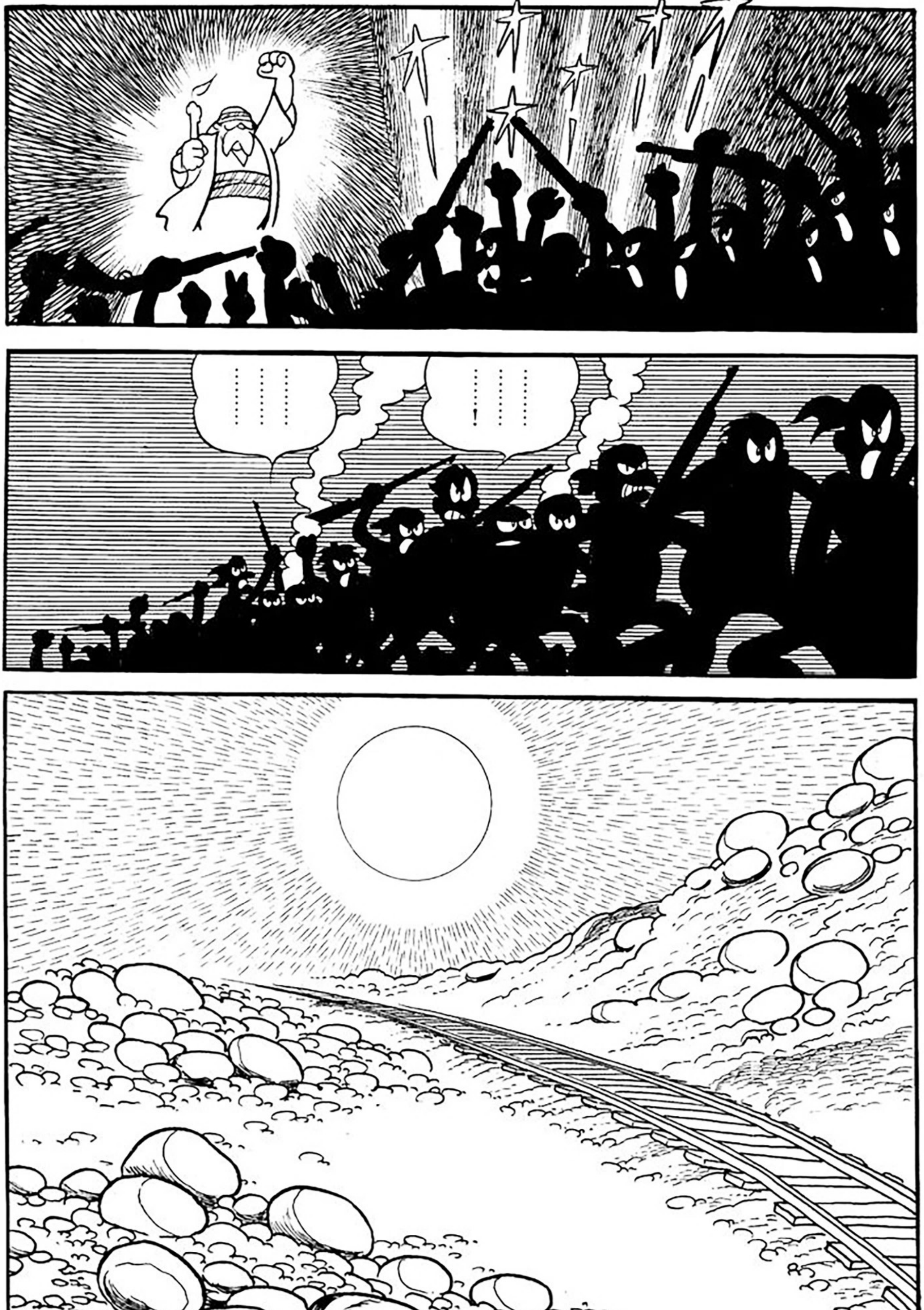

HE'S FULL OF THE SLEEPING DRUG AND WON'T WAKE UP UNTIL TOMORROW
WE'RE MEETING AT THE COURTYARD
THEN WE SHOULD GET GOING!
VILLAGERS! THE LONG AWAITED DAY OF RECKONING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! FOR TEN YEARS WE PEASANTS HAVE FOUGHT THE BLOODIEST AND MOST PAINFUL DAYS OF OUR LIVES! BECAUSE OF THE NAZI ALLIENCE.

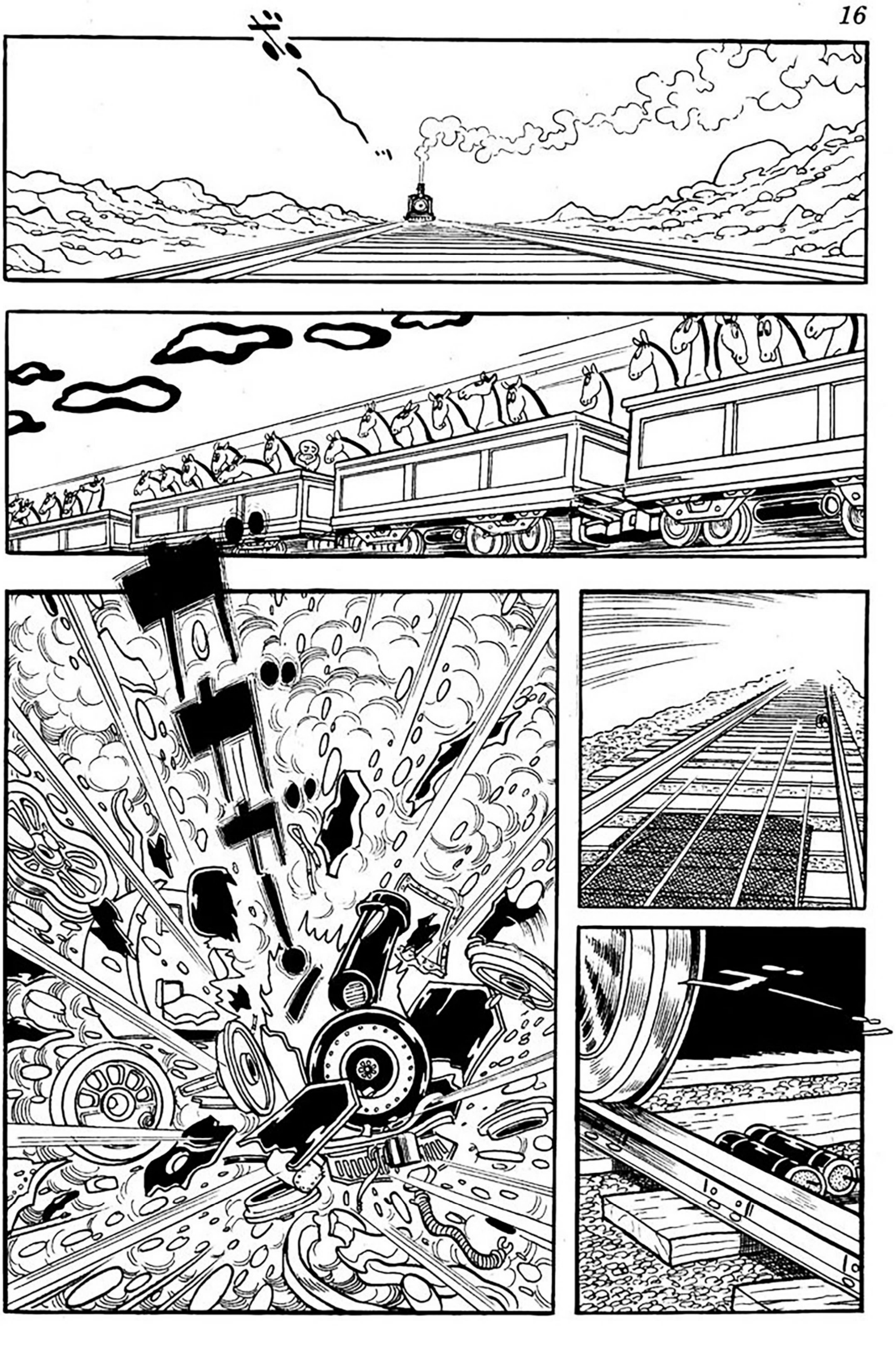


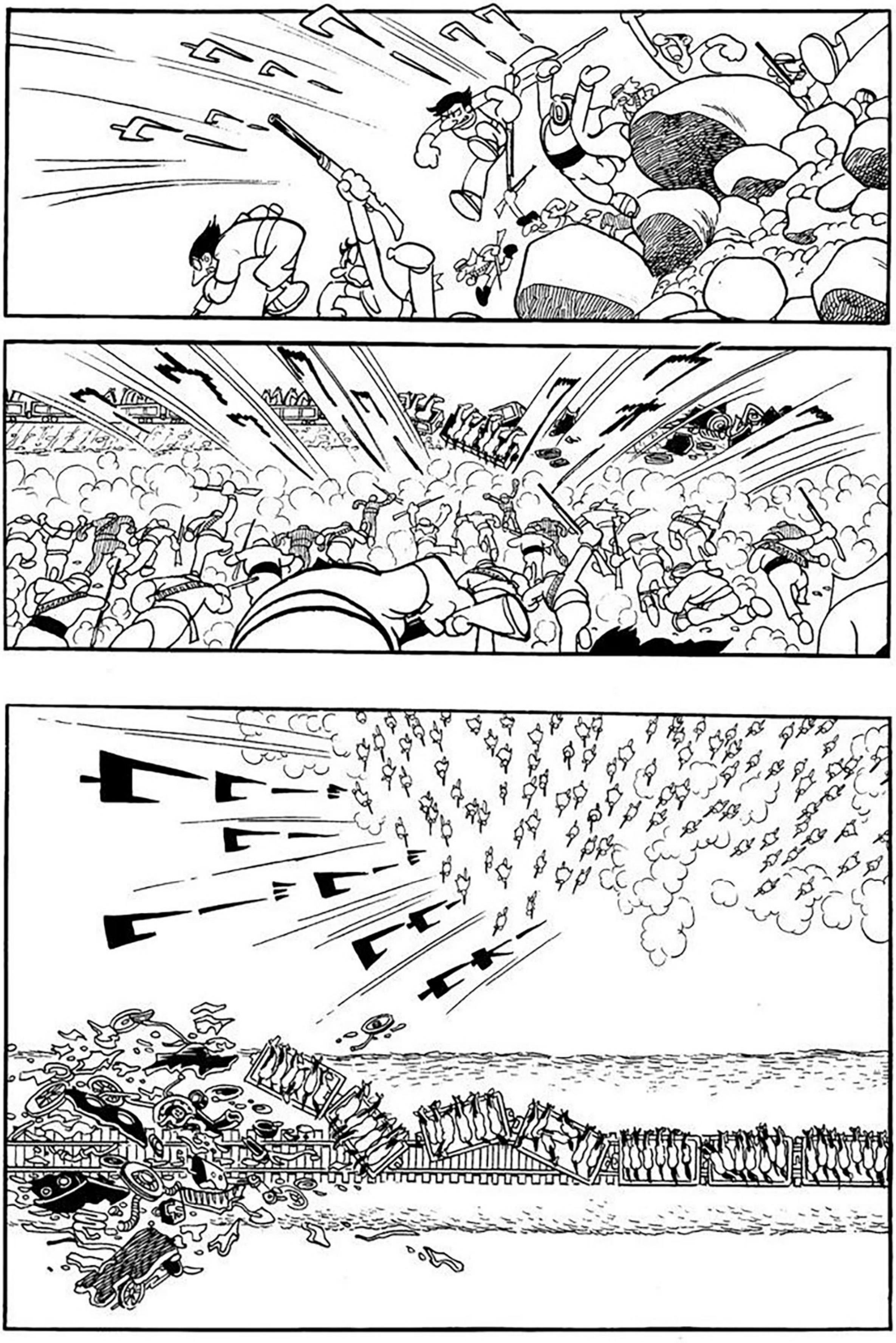
THE NAZIS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF TWO COUNTRIES, AND THEY'VE BEEN SQUEEZING EVERY LAST PENNY OUT OF US AND KILLING US WITHOUT A FIGHT. EVERY YEAR THEY TAKE OUR LIVESTOCK AND CROPS.

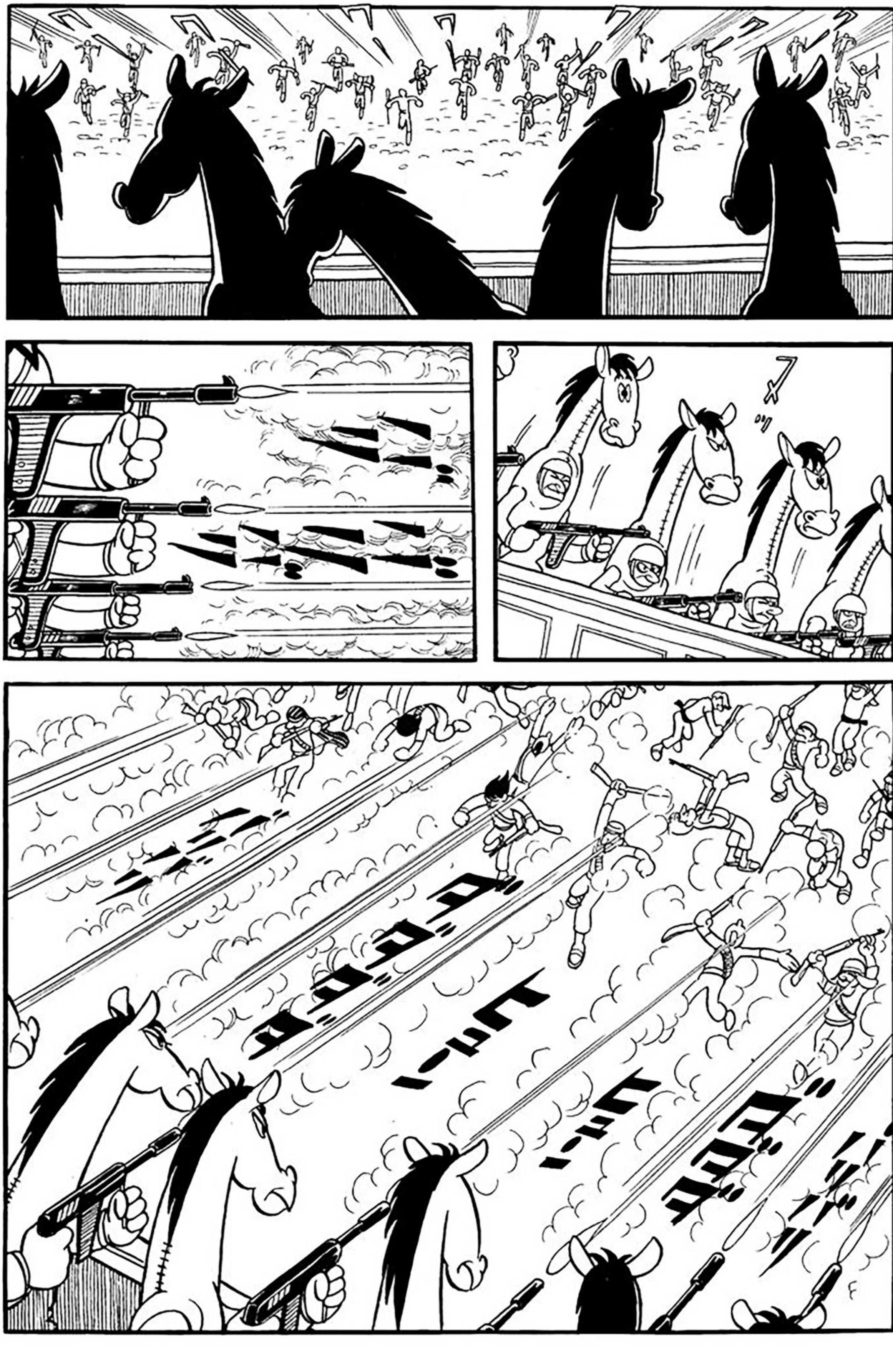




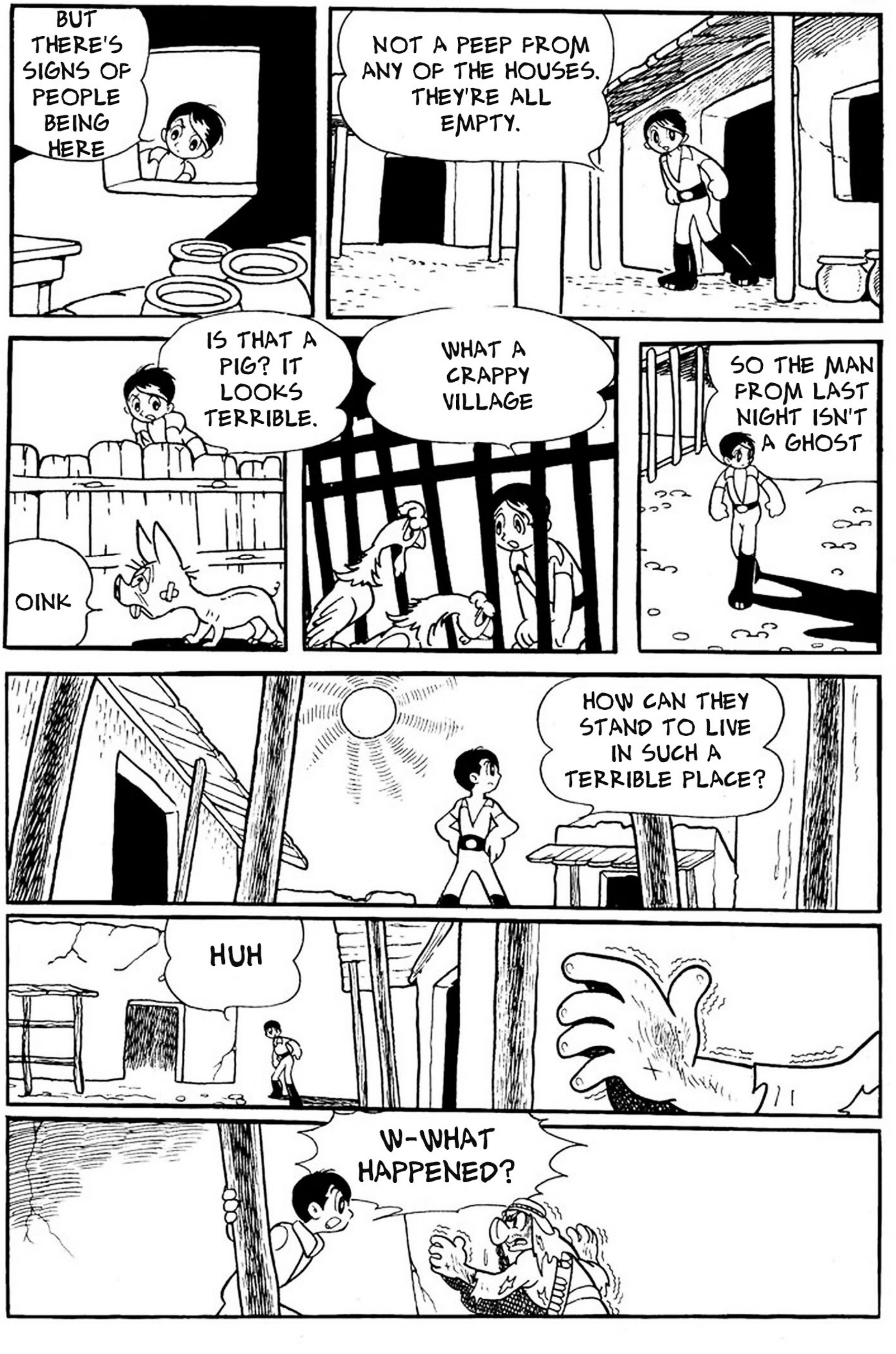


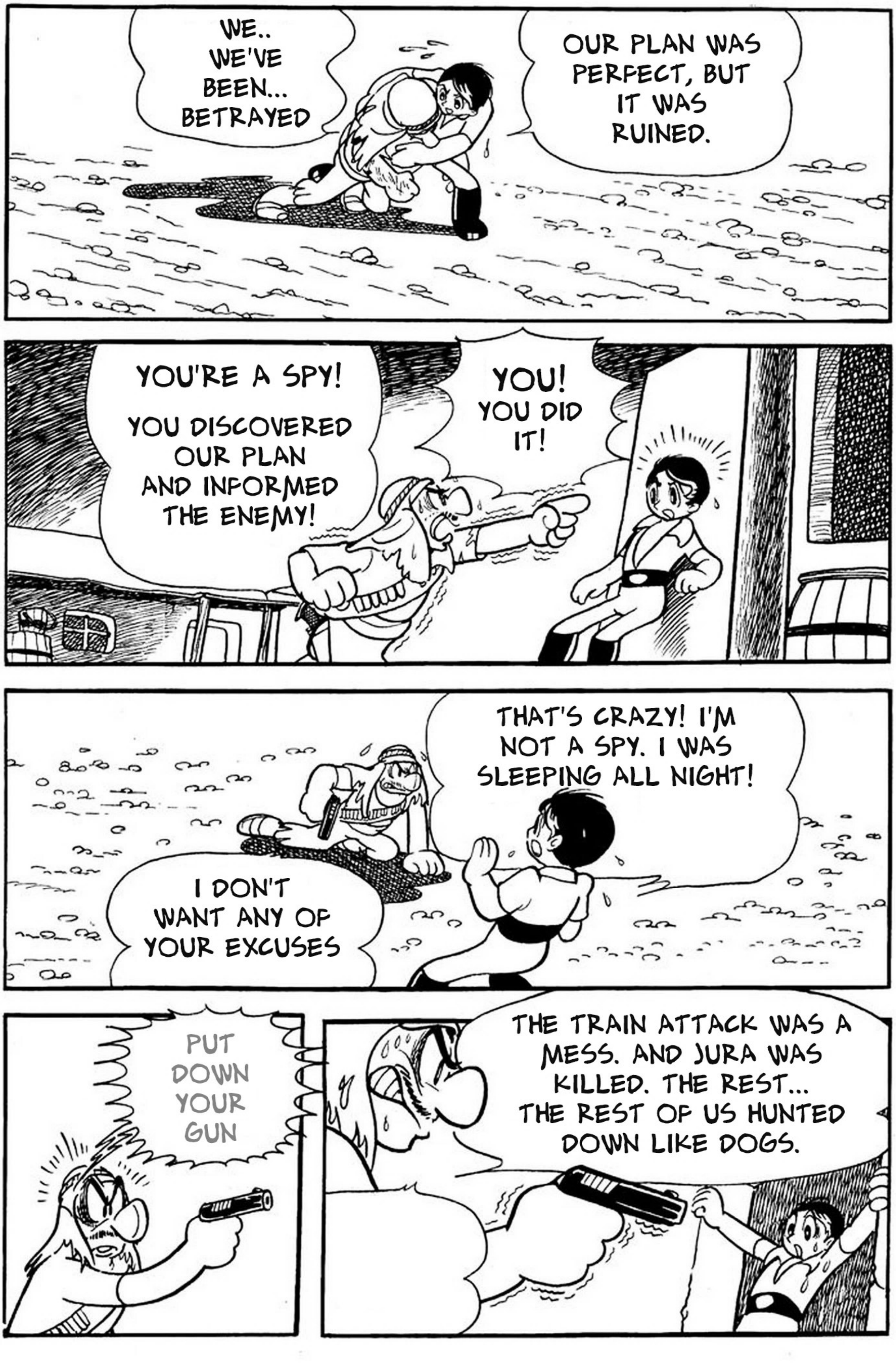

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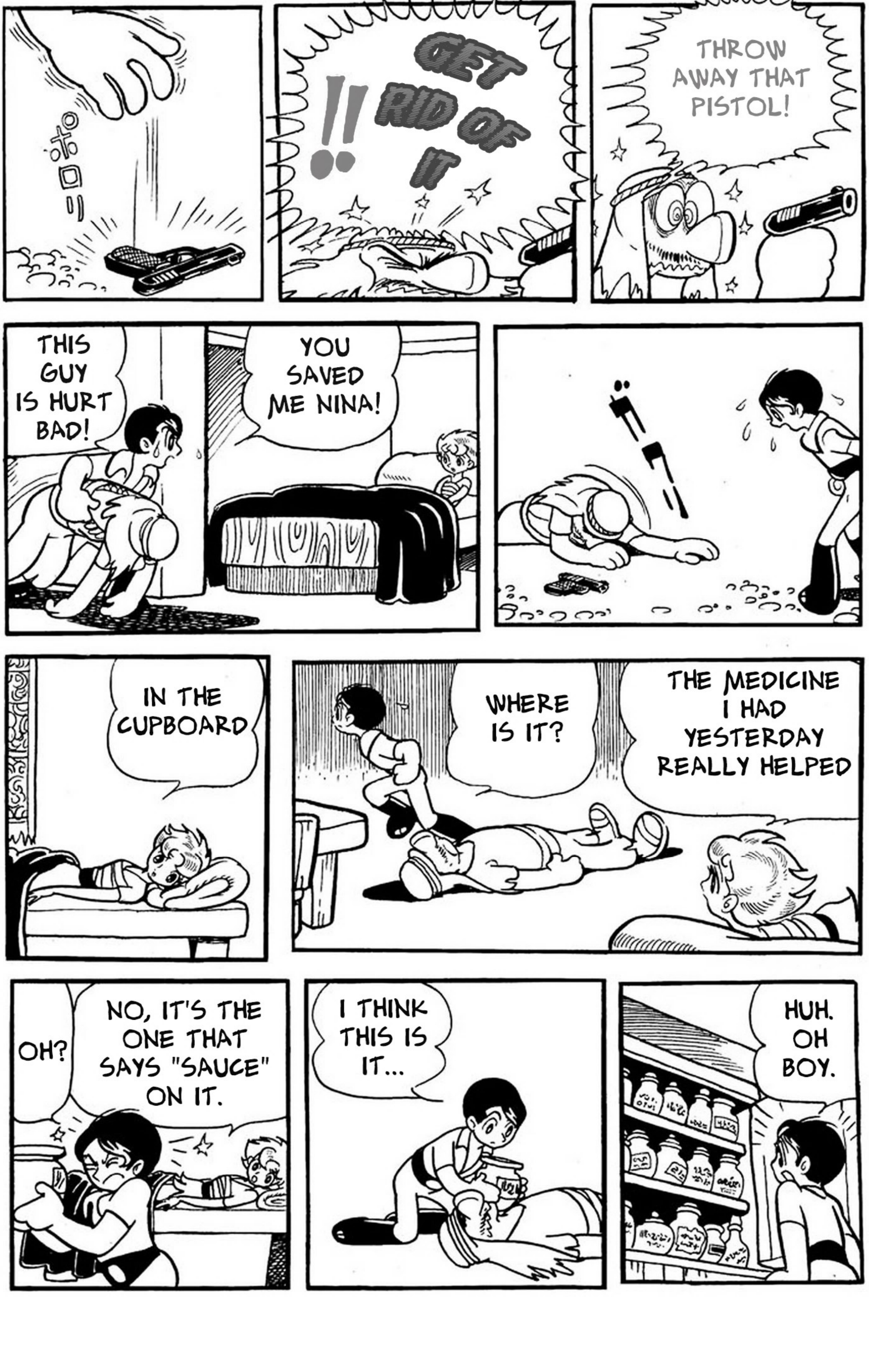



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AKIRA, PLEASE WAKE UP!
I WAS EATING THE SOUP, AND THEN...
WHA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
EVERYONE IS GONE
THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG HERE.
I TRIED TO CALL OUT SO YOU'D WAKE UP. YOU DIDN'T SO I CALLED OUT TO YOUR MIND
NINA! HOW'S YOUR INJURY?
THE MEDICINE REALLY WORKS. I WAS ALMOST DYING.
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY. I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU
IT'S SO QUIET THAT IT'S CREEPY


BUT THERE'S SIGNS OF PEOPLE BEING HERE
NOT A PEEP FROM ANY OF THE HOUSES. THEY'RE ALL EMPTY.
IS THAT A PIG? IT LOOKS TERRIBLE.
OINK
WHAT A CRAPPY VILLAGE
SO THE MAN FROM LAST NIGHT ISN'T A GHOST
HOW CAN THEY STAND TO LIVE IN SUCH A TERRIBLE PLACE?
HUH
W-WHAT HAPPENED?

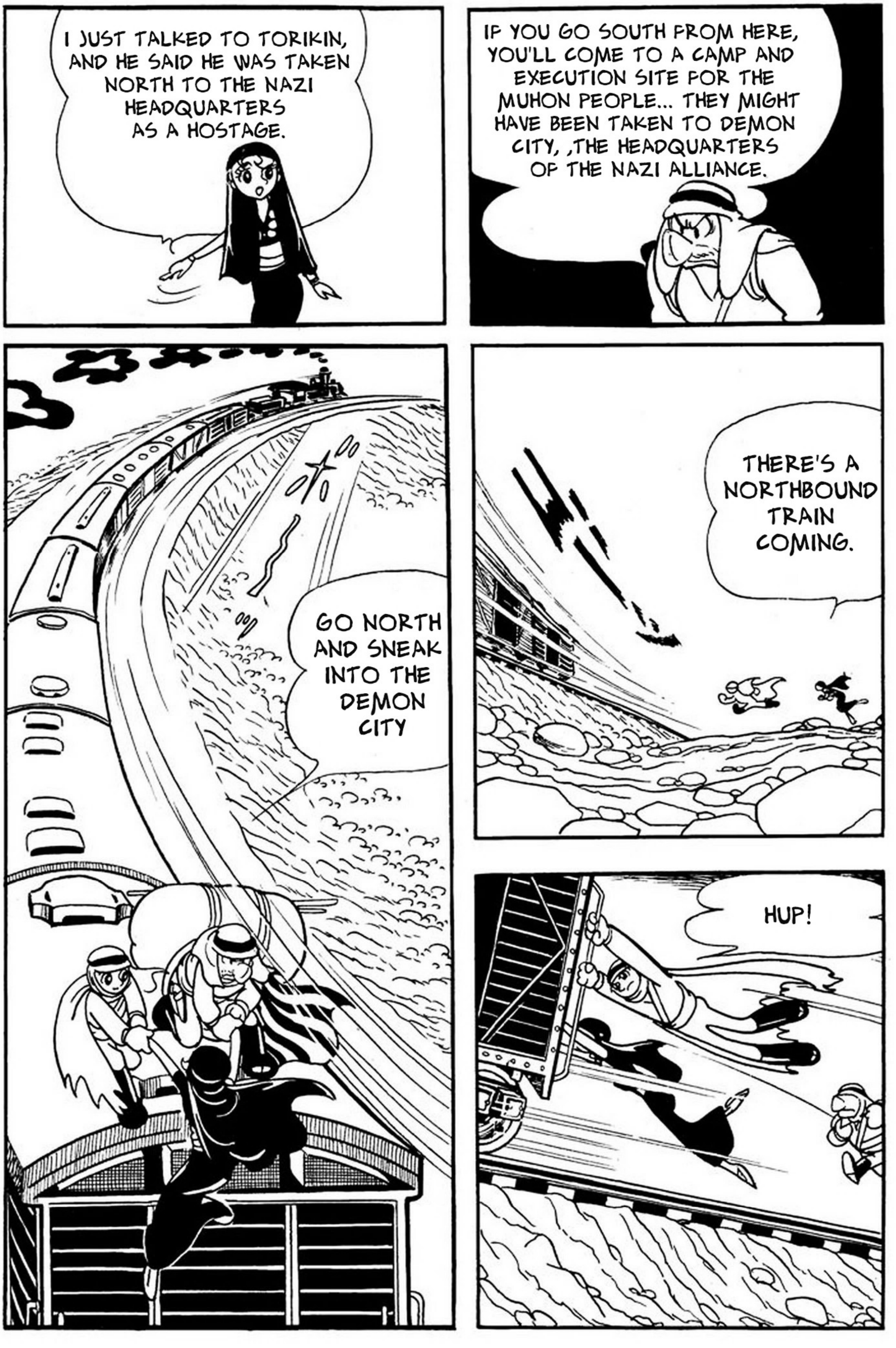

WE.. WE'VE BEEN... BETRAYED
OUR PLAN WAS PERFECT, BUT IT WAS RUINED.
YOU! YOU DID IT!
YOU'RE A SPY! YOU DISCOVERED OUR PLAN AND INFORMED THE ENEMY!
THAT'S CRAZY! I'M NOT A SPY. I WAS SLEEPING ALL NIGHT!
I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR EXCUSES
THE TRAIN ATTACK WAS A MESS. AND JURA WAS KILLED. THE REST... THE REST OF US HUNTED DOWN LIKE DOGS.
PUT DOWN YOUR GUN

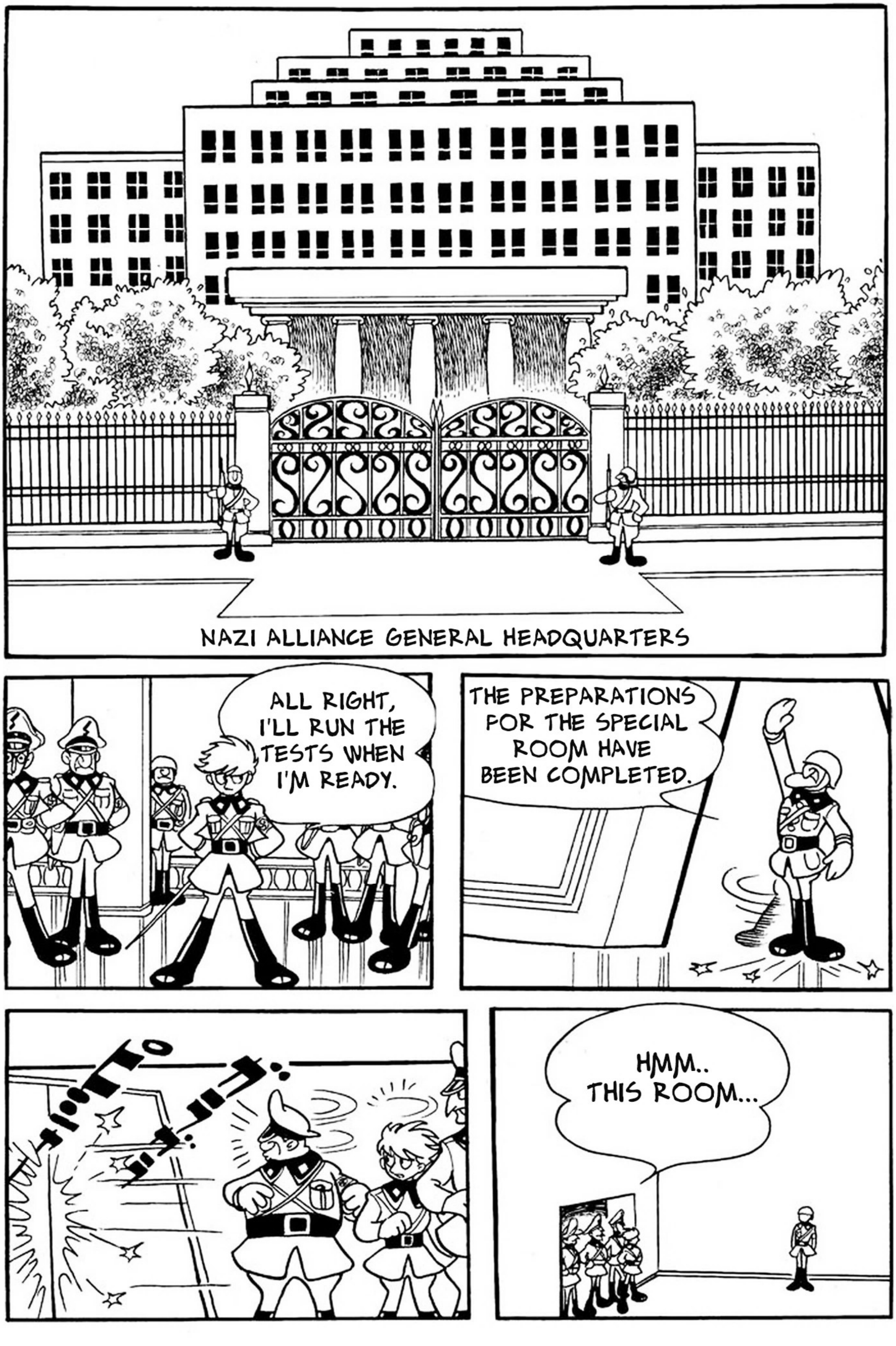

THROW AWAY THAT PISTOL!
GET RID OF IT
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YOU SAVED ME NINA!
THIS GUY IS HURT BAD!
THE MEDICINE I HAD YESTERDAY REALLY HELPED
WHERE IS IT?
IN THE CUPBOARD
HUH. OH BOY.
I THINK THIS IS IT...
NO, IT'S THE ONE THAT SAYS "SAUCE" ON IT.
OH?

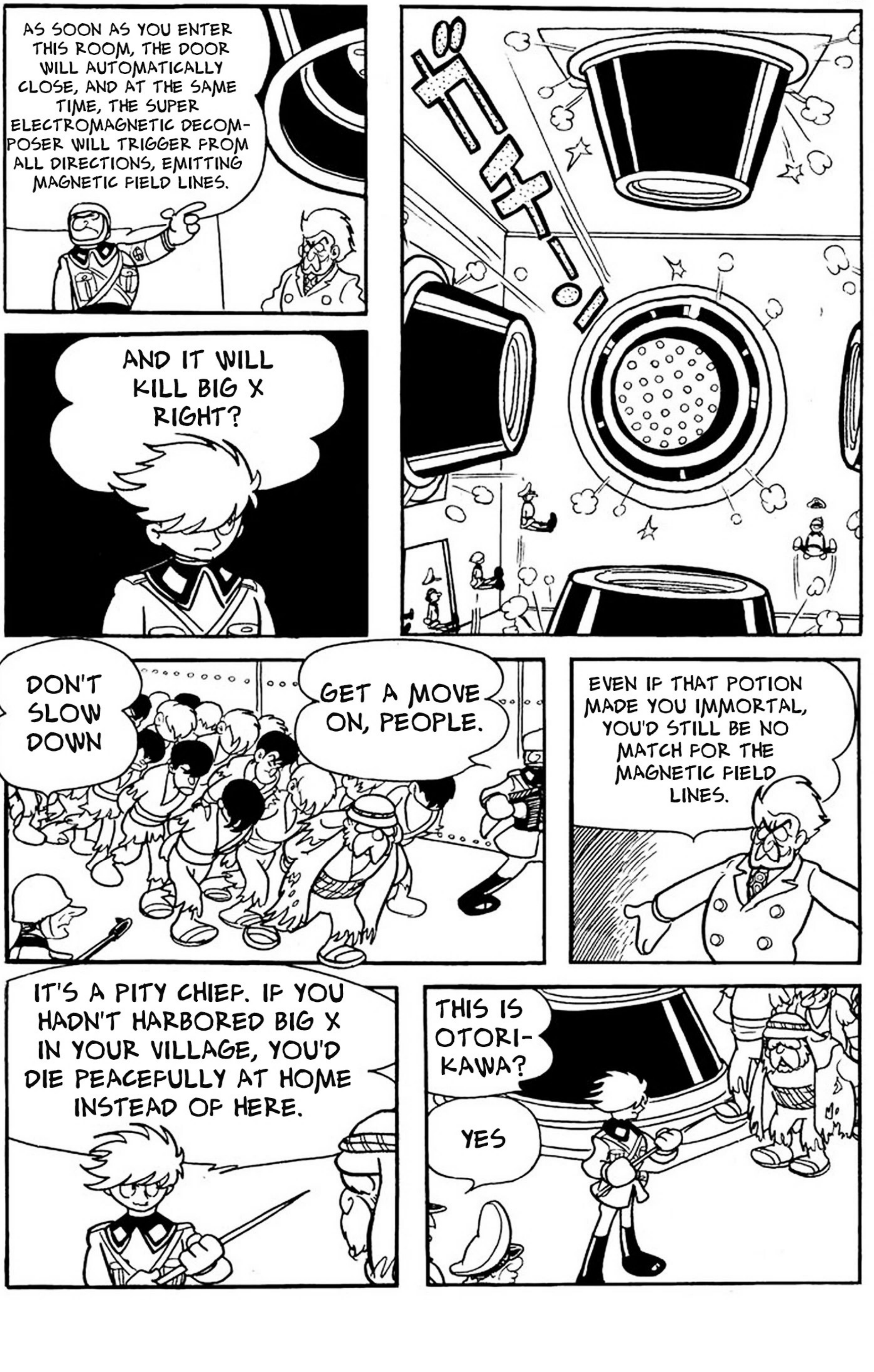

ACCORDING TO THIS GUY, WHEN THEY ATTACKED THE NAZI ALLIANCE TRAIN, THEY WERE WIPED OUT
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I'M SURE THEY HAD THEIR REASONS.
WHY DID THEY ATTACK THE TRAIN?
NO, I'VE LOOKED AROUND THE VILLIAGE AND IT'S SO PATHETIC. I FEEL BAD FOR THEM.
ARE THEY TRAIN ROBBERS? MAYBE THIS IS A NEST OF BANDITS
THEY MUST HAVE HATED THE NAZI ALLIANCE AND WANTED TO FIGHT THEM!
I'M SURE THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE


MOST OF THEM WERE WIPED OUT, AND THE SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN BY THE ENEMY... AND I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN SAVE THEM. OTHERWISE THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE KILLED...
BUT THEN...
WE BARELY ESCAPED THE NAZI ALLIANCE'S CLUTCHES
IF WE WANT TO SAVE THOSE PEOPLE, WE'LL HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND GO BACK INTO THE ENEMY'S ARMS.
OR... WE CAN JUST GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE AND LEAVE THEM TO THEIR FATE.
WE'LL FLIP A COIN AND LET IT DECIDE.
IF IT'S HEADS...

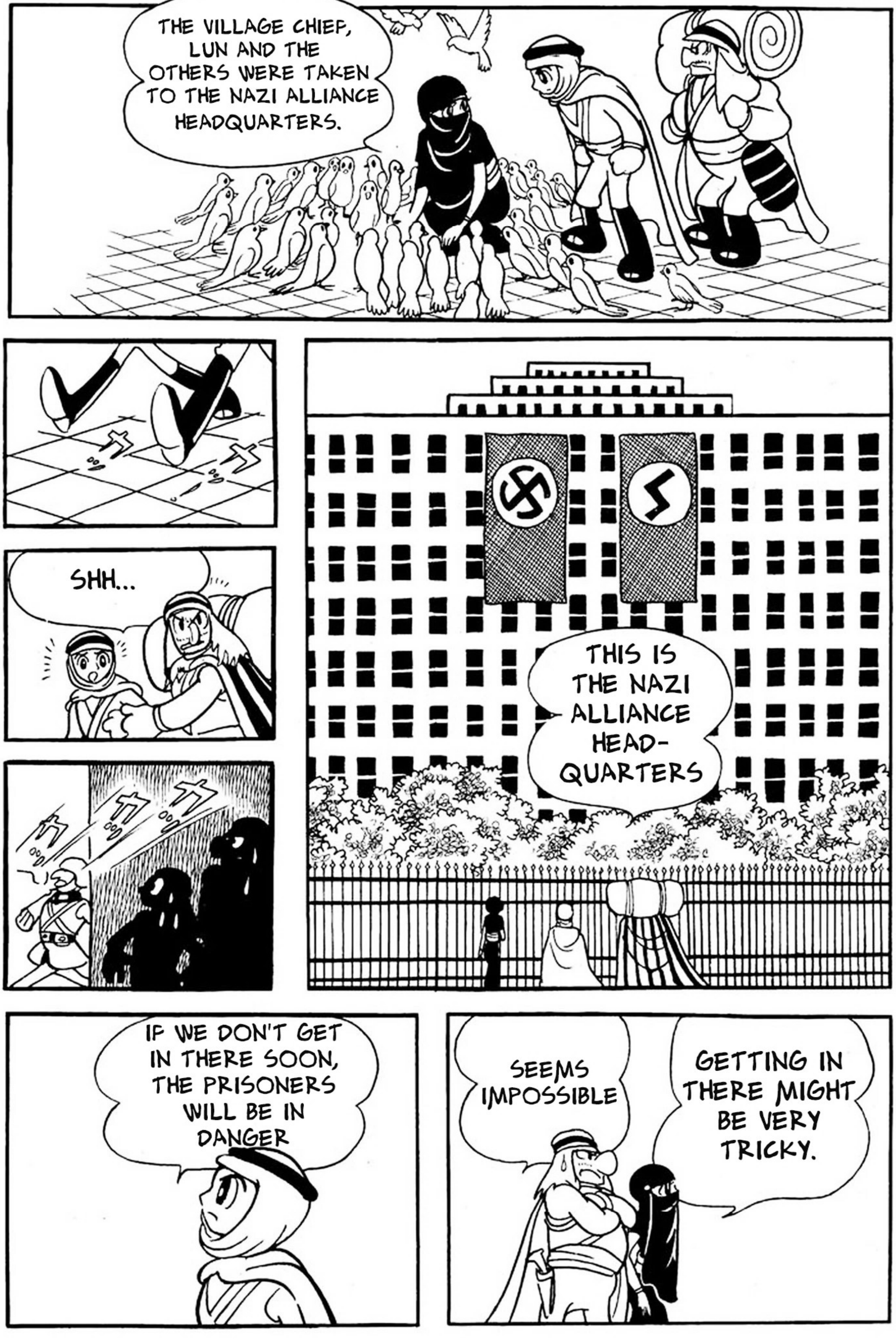

EITHER WAY I'LL GO AND SAVE THEM
AND IF IT'S TAILS?
I GO SAVE THE VILLAGERS
NO, IT'S OKAY... YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON
SORRY, IT'S JUST HOW I FEEL ABOUT IT.
SO IT'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHAT
YOU HAVE FOUGHT YOUR LAST BATTLE...

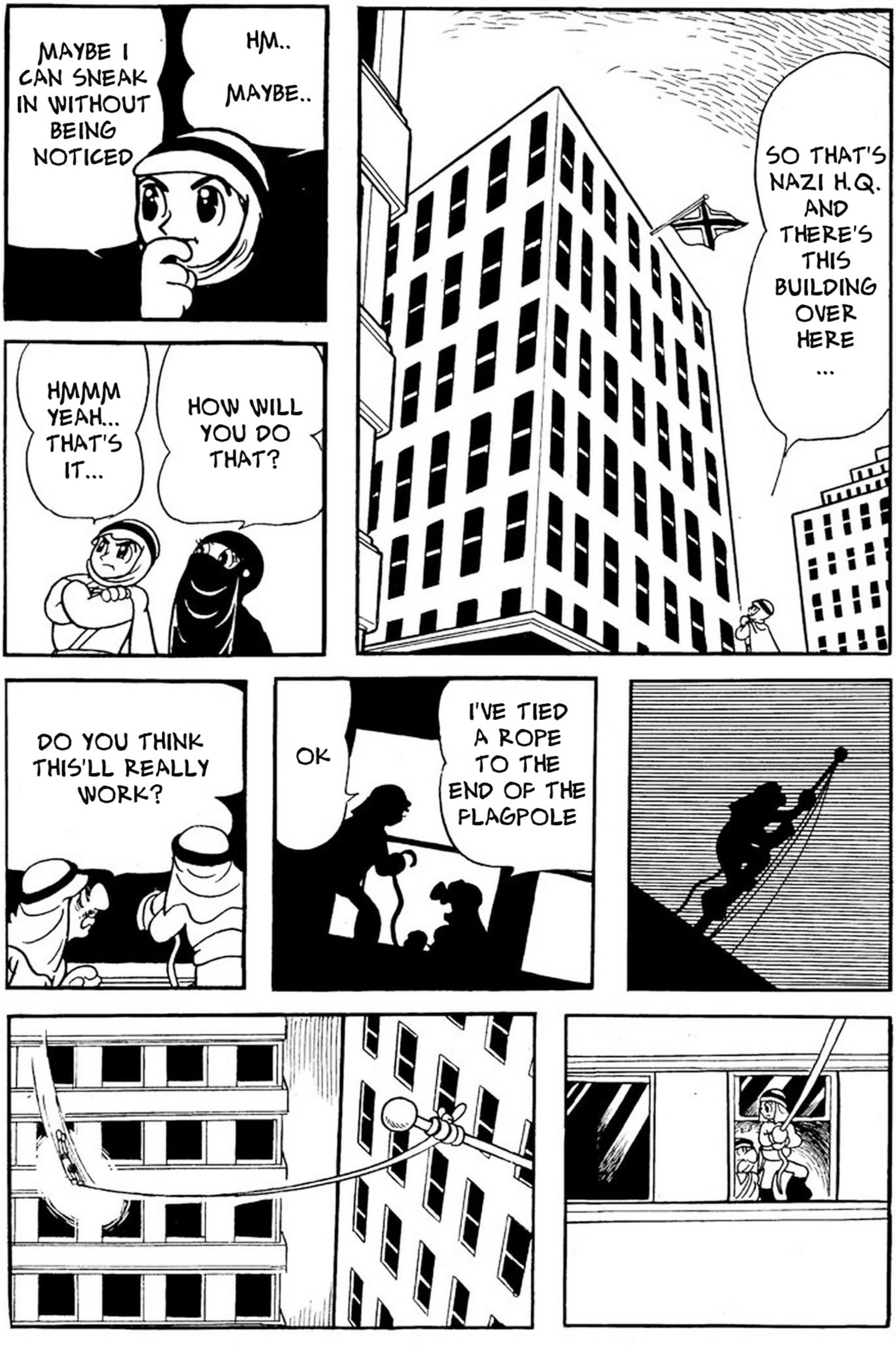

I JUST TALKED TO TORIKIN, AND HE SAID HE WAS TAKEN NORTH TO THE NAZI HEADQUARTERS AS A HOSTAGE.
IF YOU GO SOUTH FROM HERE, YOU'LL COME TO A CAMP AND EXECUTION SITE FOR THE MUHON PEOPLE... THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DEMON CITY, ,THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NAZI ALLIANCE.
THERE'S A NORTHBOUND TRAIN COMING.
GO NORTH AND SNEAK INTO THE DEMON CITY
HUP!


NAZI ALLIANCE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
ALL RIGHT, I'LL RUN THE TESTS WHEN I'M READY.
THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ROOM HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
HMM.. THIS ROOM...


AS SOON AS YOU ENTER THIS ROOM, THE DOOR WILL AUTOMATICALLY CLOSE, AND AT THE SAME TIME, THE SUPER ELECTROMAGNETIC DECOMPOSER WILL TRIGGER FROM ALL DIRECTIONS, EMITTING MAGNETIC FIELD LINES.
AND IT WILL KILL BIG X RIGHT?
DON'T SLOW DOWN
GET A MOVE ON, PEOPLE.
EVEN IF THAT POTION MADE YOU IMMORTAL, YOU'D STILL BE NO MATCH FOR THE MAGNETIC FIELD LINES.
IT'S A PITY CHIEF. IF YOU HADN'T HARBORED BIG X IN YOUR VILLAGE, YOU'D DIE PEACEFULLY AT HOME INSTEAD OF HERE.
THIS IS OTORI-KAWA?
YES

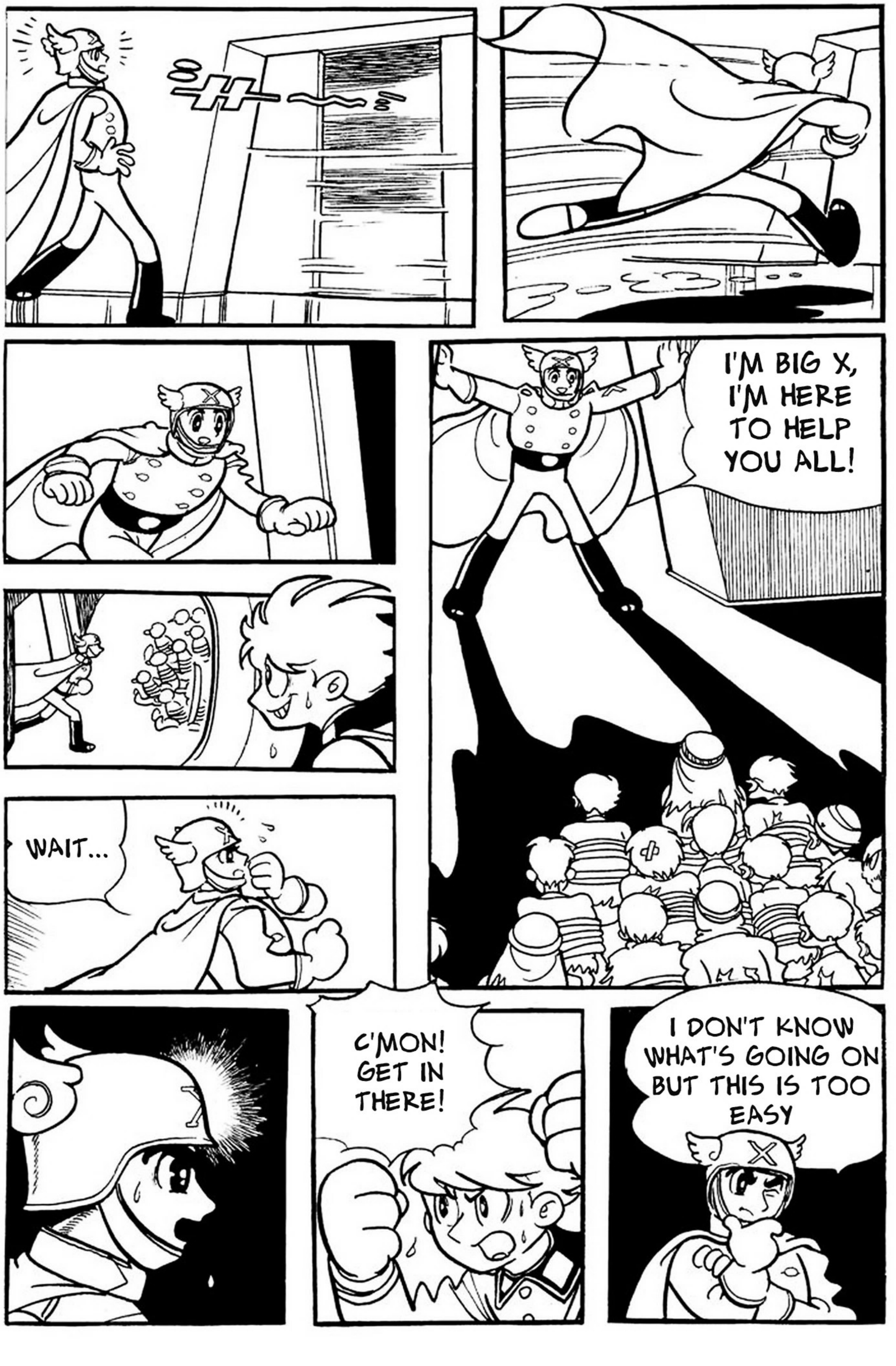

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU KEEP ATTACKING US AND DO THINGS LIKE HIDING BIG X FROM US.
THE FIRST THING I DID WAS TAKE HIM TO THE EXECUTION SITE IN THE SOUTH, BUT ON THE WAY, MY SPY TOLD ME THAT BIG X WAS HIDDEN IN THIS VILLAGE, SO I DECIDED TO USE HIM AS A DECOY.
CHIEF!!
BIG X, IF YOU COME HERE I'LL KILL YOU THIS TIME

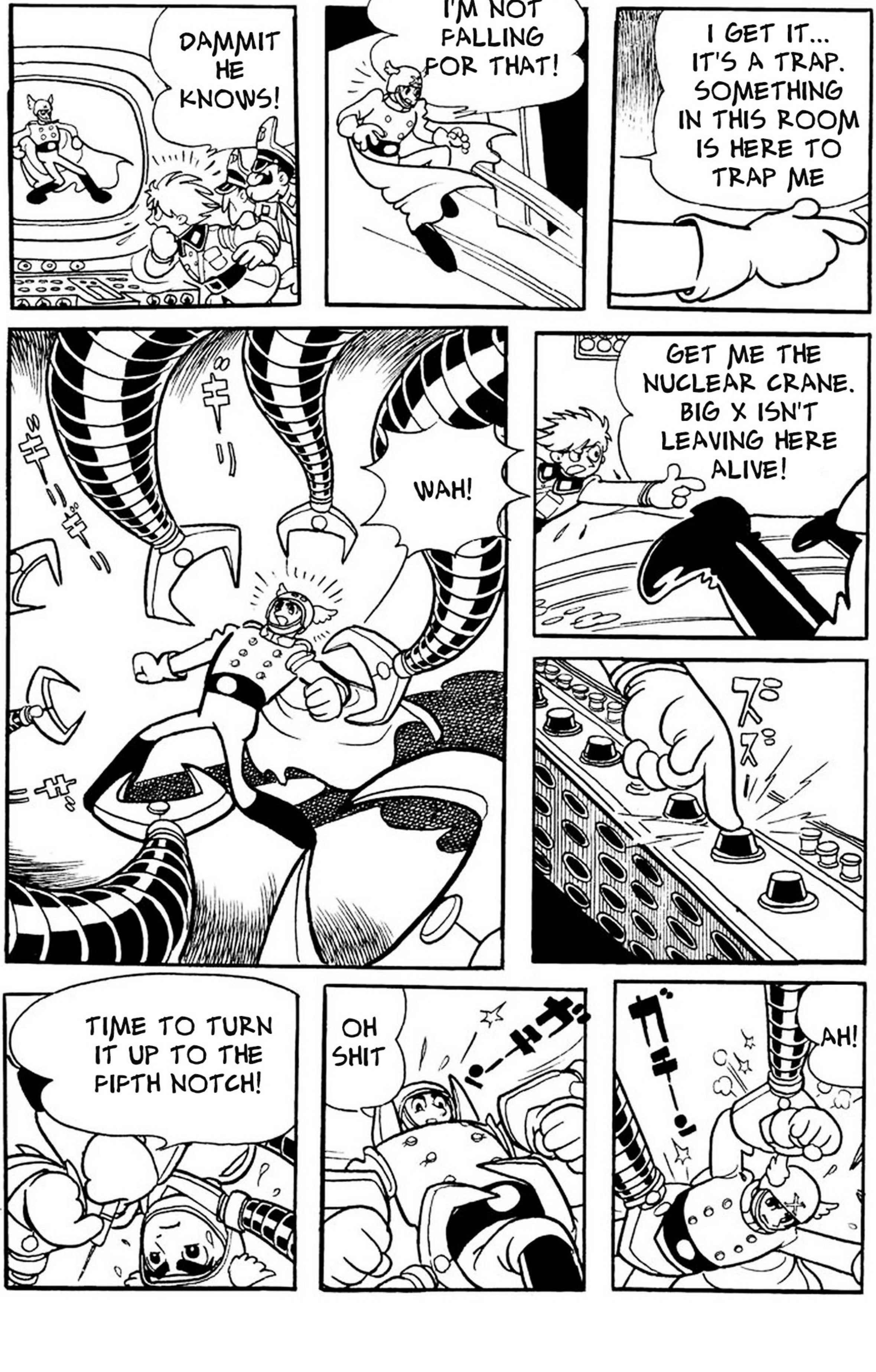

THE VILLAGE CHIEF, LUN AND THE OTHERS WERE TAKEN TO THE NAZI ALLIANCE HEADQUARTERS.
SHH...
THIS IS THE NAZI ALLIANCE HEAD-QUARTERS
IF WE DON'T GET IN THERE SOON, THE PRISONERS WILL BE IN DANGER
GETTING IN THERE MIGHT BE VERY TRICKY.
SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

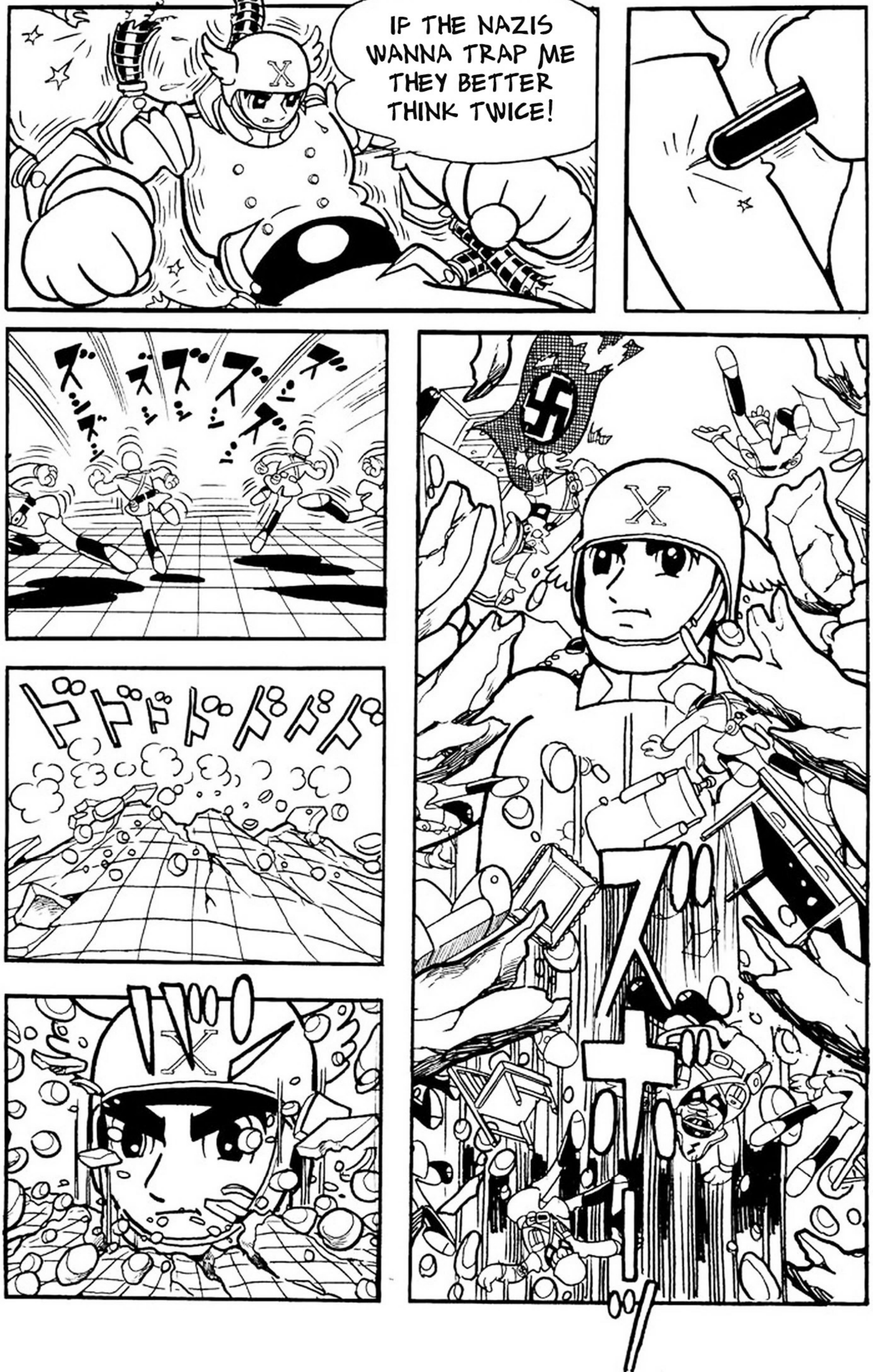

MAYBE I CAN SNEAK IN WITHOUT BEING NOTICED
HM.. MAYBE..
SO THAT'S NAZI H.Q. AND THERE'S THIS BUILDING OVER HERE ...
HOW WILL YOU DO THAT?
HMMM YEAH... THAT'S IT...
DO YOU THINK THIS'LL REALLY WORK?
I'VE TIED A ROPE TO THE END OF THE FLAGPOLE
OK

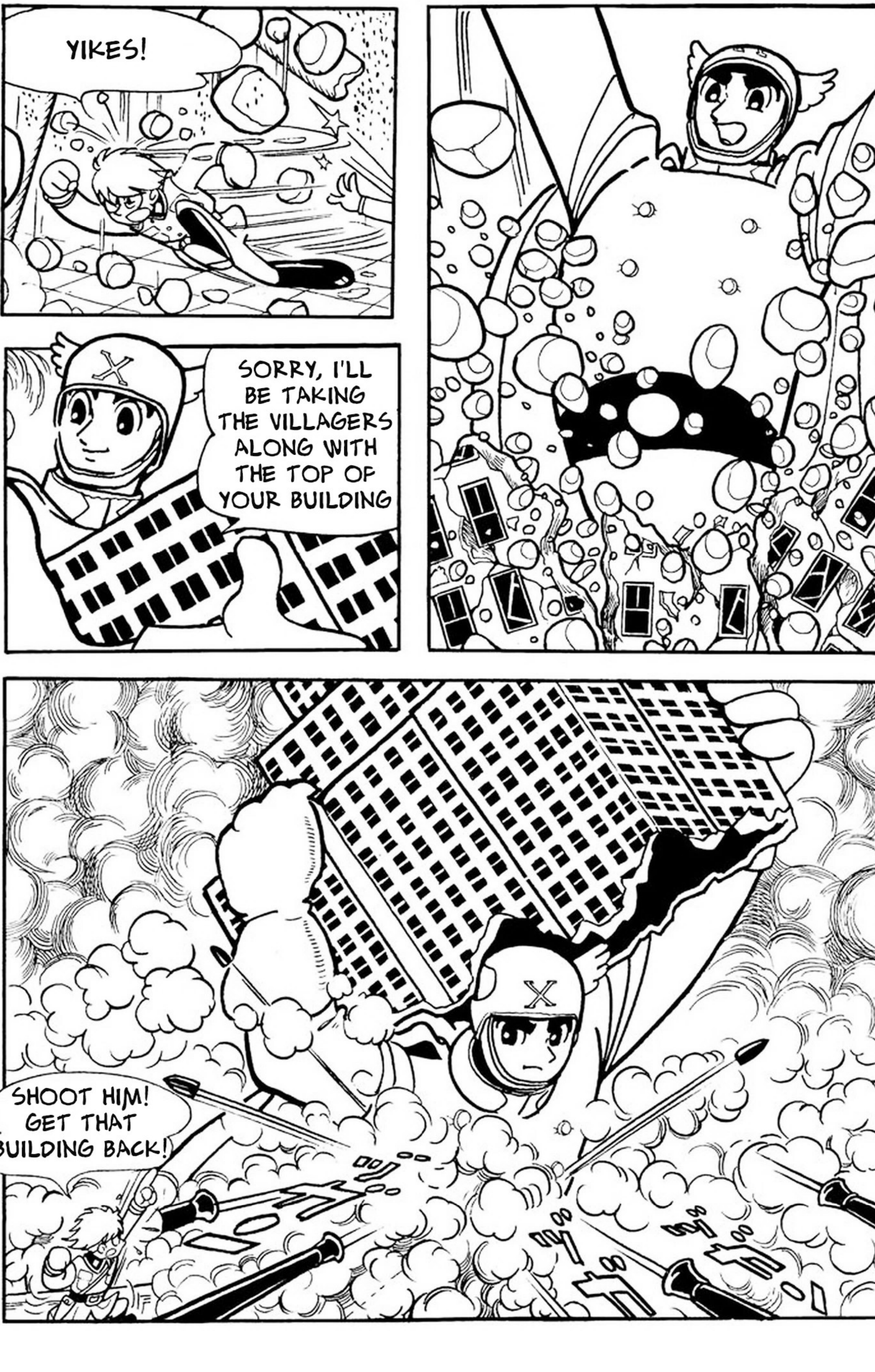

FLYING TRAPEZE SUCCESS!
TIME TO GET MOVING
AND TIME FOR BIG X TO TAKE ACTION
NOW I'M IN THE MIDST OF THE NAZI ALLIANCE
TURNING TO THE SECOND NOTCH

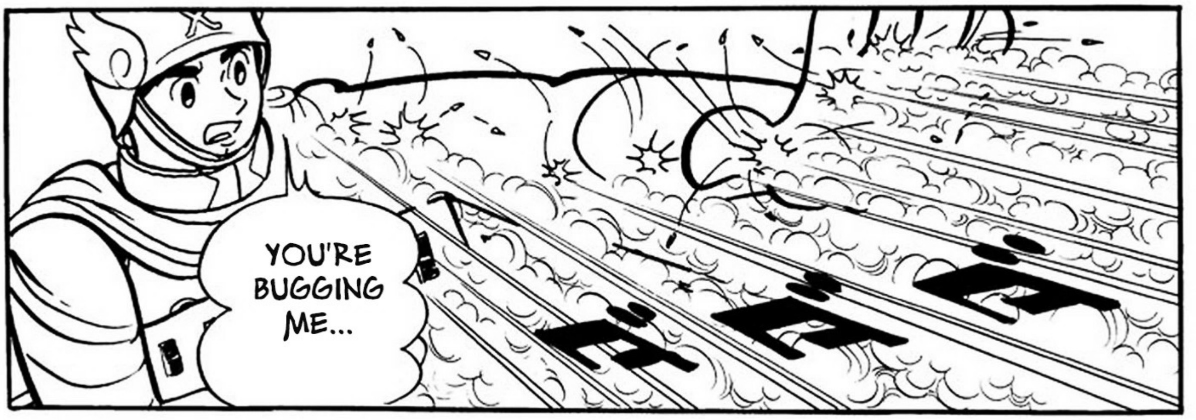

HA HA HA... BIG X HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!
SOME-THING'S WRONG. WERE'S THE GUARDS?
THE LAST THING HE'LL DO IS GET CAUGHT IN THE MAGNETIC FIELD AND DIE A GUT -WRENCHING DEATH...
WILL HE GO TO THE DECOY ROOM?
OH YES, HE'LL GO IN THERE.
AH!
THE CHIEF AND VILLAGERS ARE HERE!
I'VE FOUND THEM!

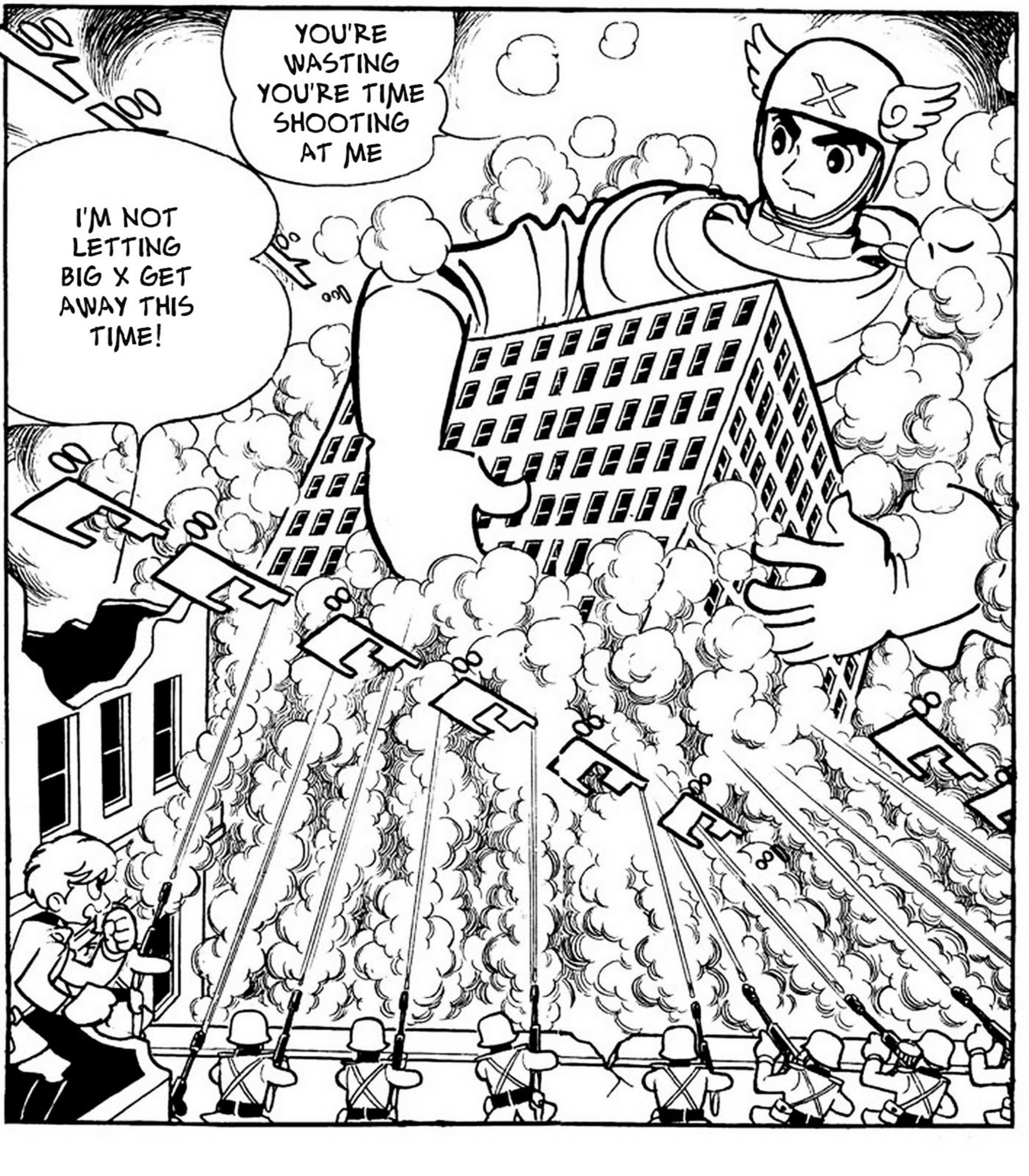

I'M BIG X, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU ALL!
WAIT...
C'MON! GET IN THERE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BUT THIS IS TOO EASY

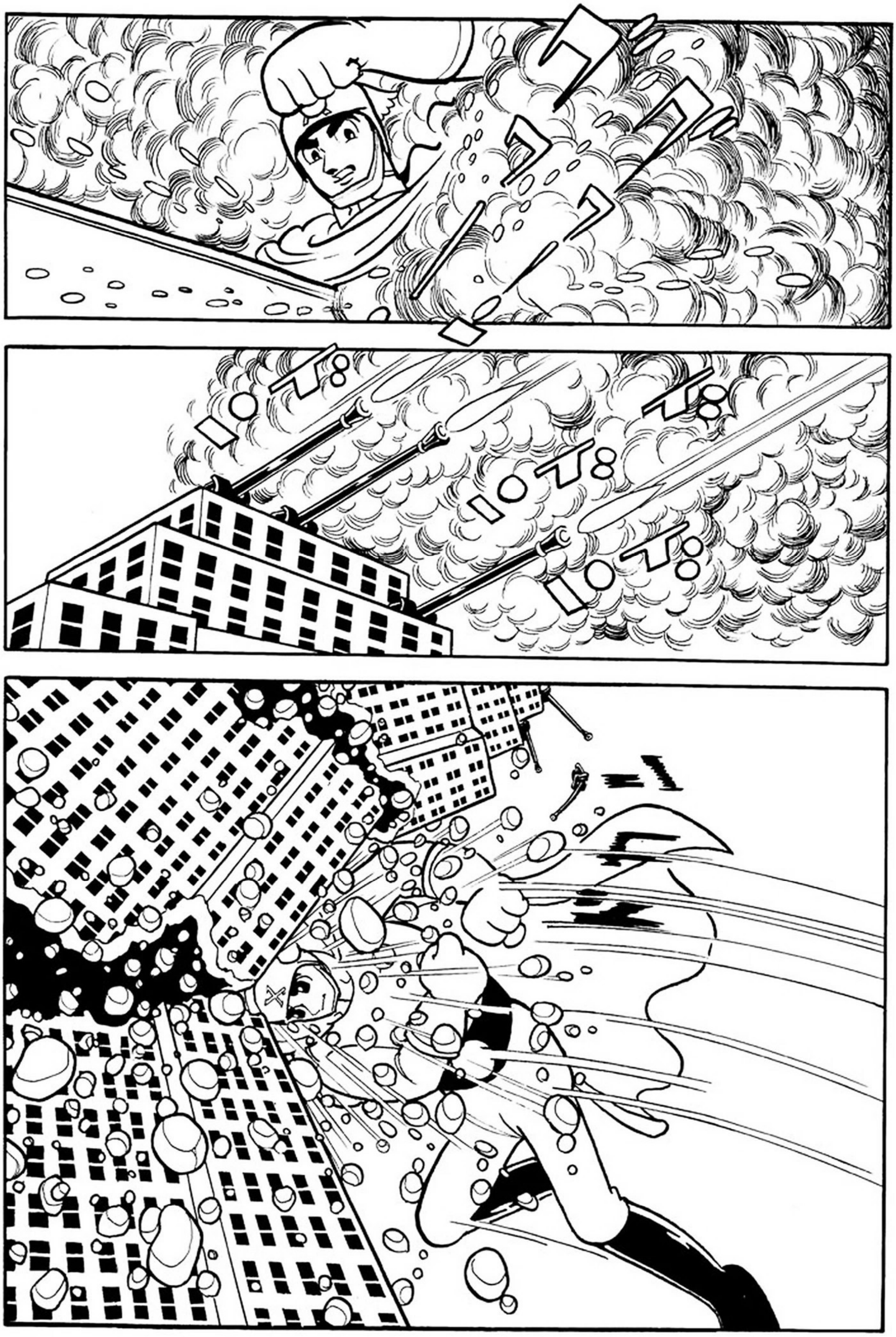

DAMMIT HE KNOWS!
I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT!
I GET IT... IT'S A TRAP. SOMETHING IN THIS ROOM IS HERE TO TRAP ME
WAH!
GET ME THE NUCLEAR CRANE. BIG X ISN'T LEAVING HERE ALIVE!
TIME TO TURN IT UP TO THE FIFTH NOTCH!
OH SHIT
AH!


IF THE NAZIS WANNA TRAP ME THEY BETTER THINK TWICE!


YIKES!
SORRY, I'LL BE TAKING THE VILLAGERS ALONG WITH THE TOP OF YOUR BUILDING
SHOOT HIM! GET THAT BUILDING BACK!

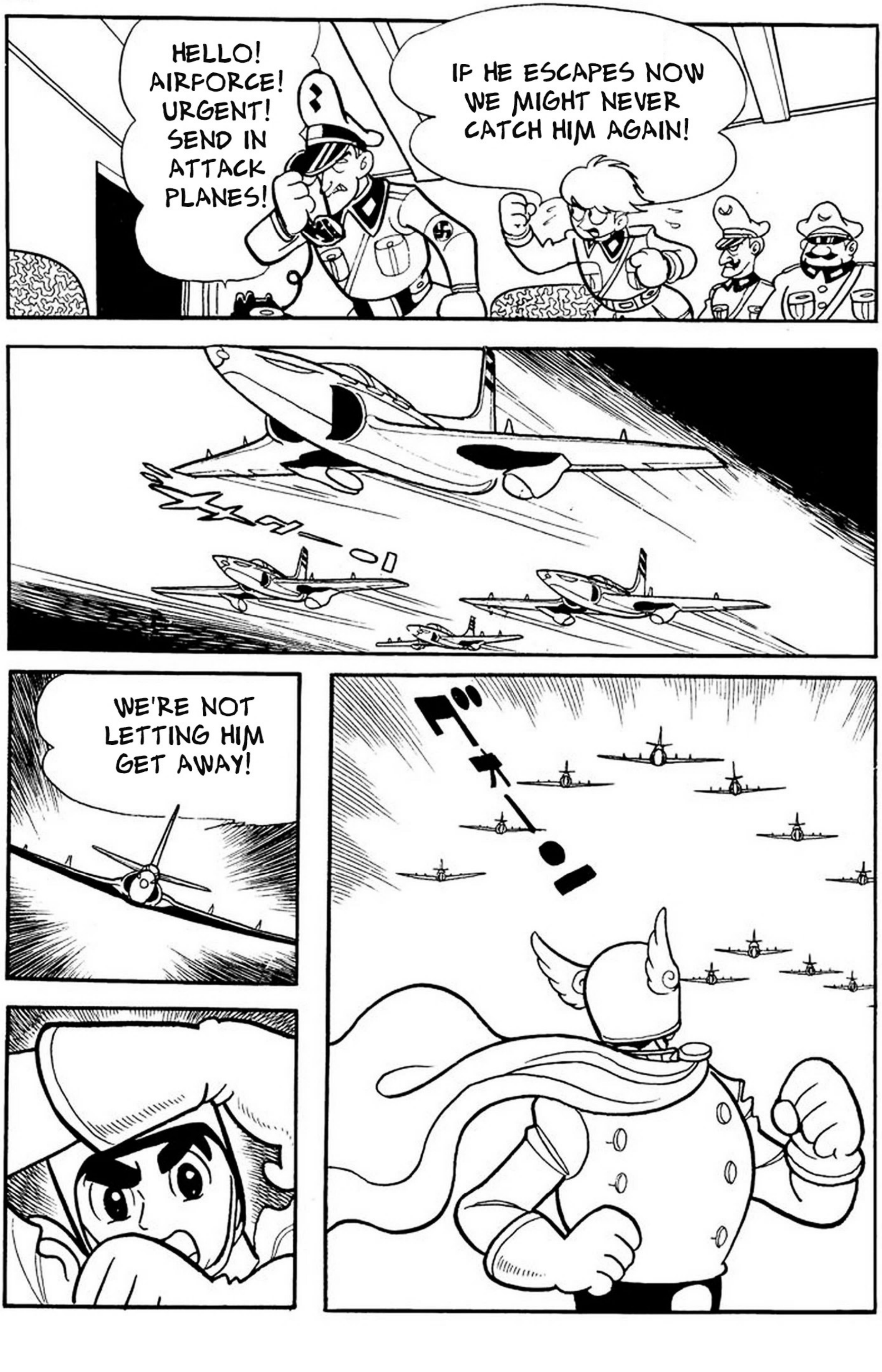

YOU'RE BUGGING ME...

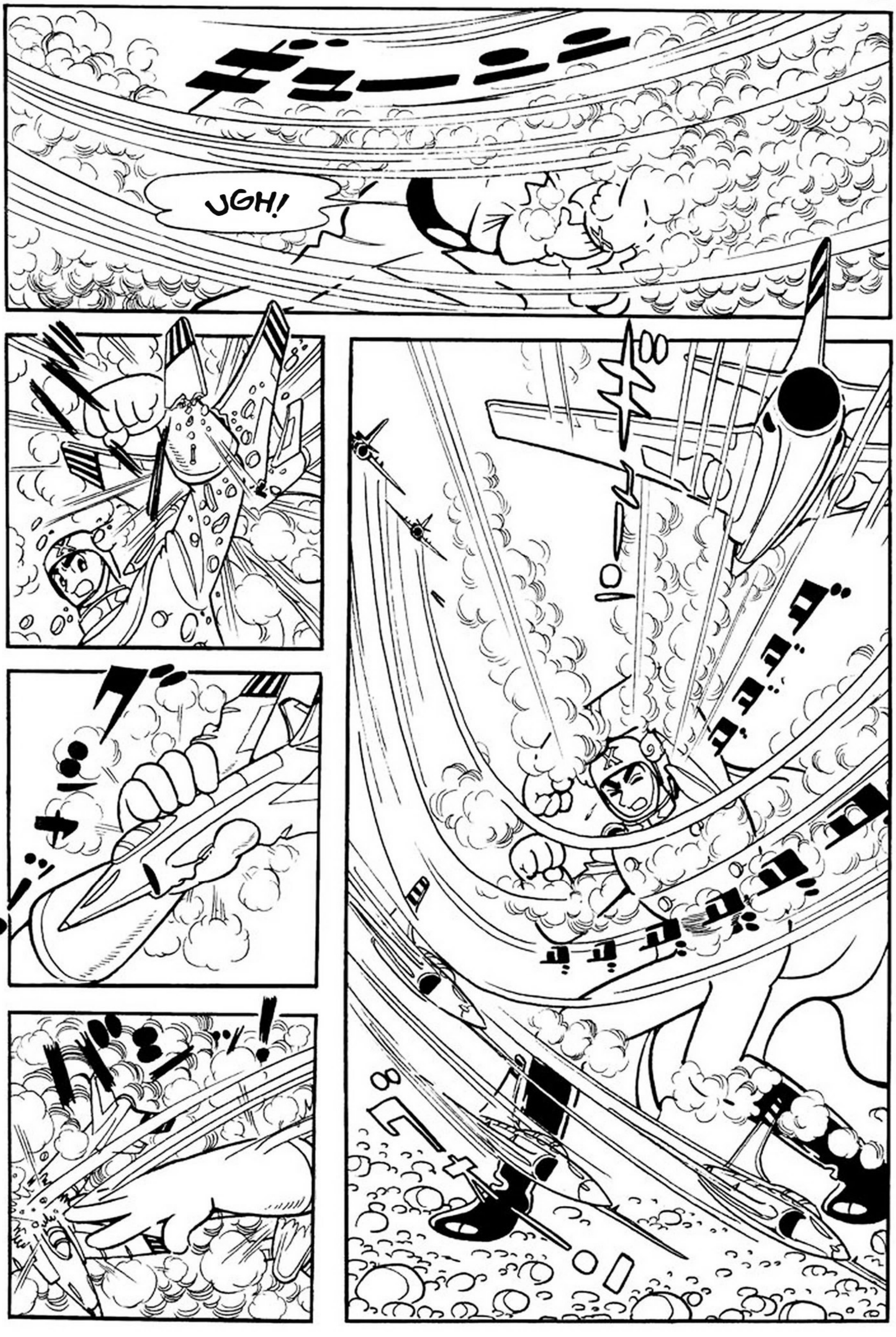

YOU'RE WASTING YOU'RE TIME SHOOTING AT ME
I'M NOT LETTING BIG X GET AWAY THIS TIME!

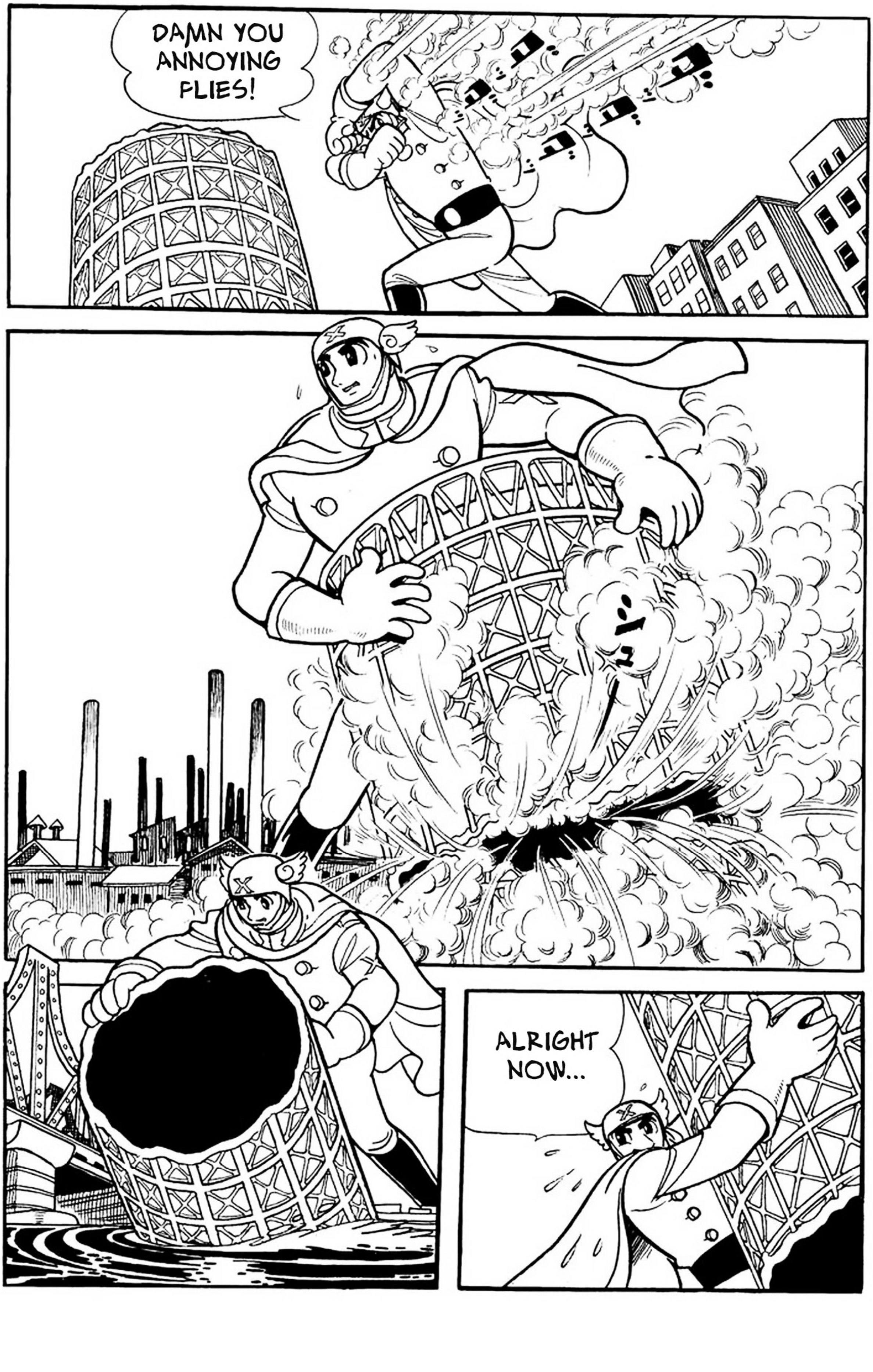




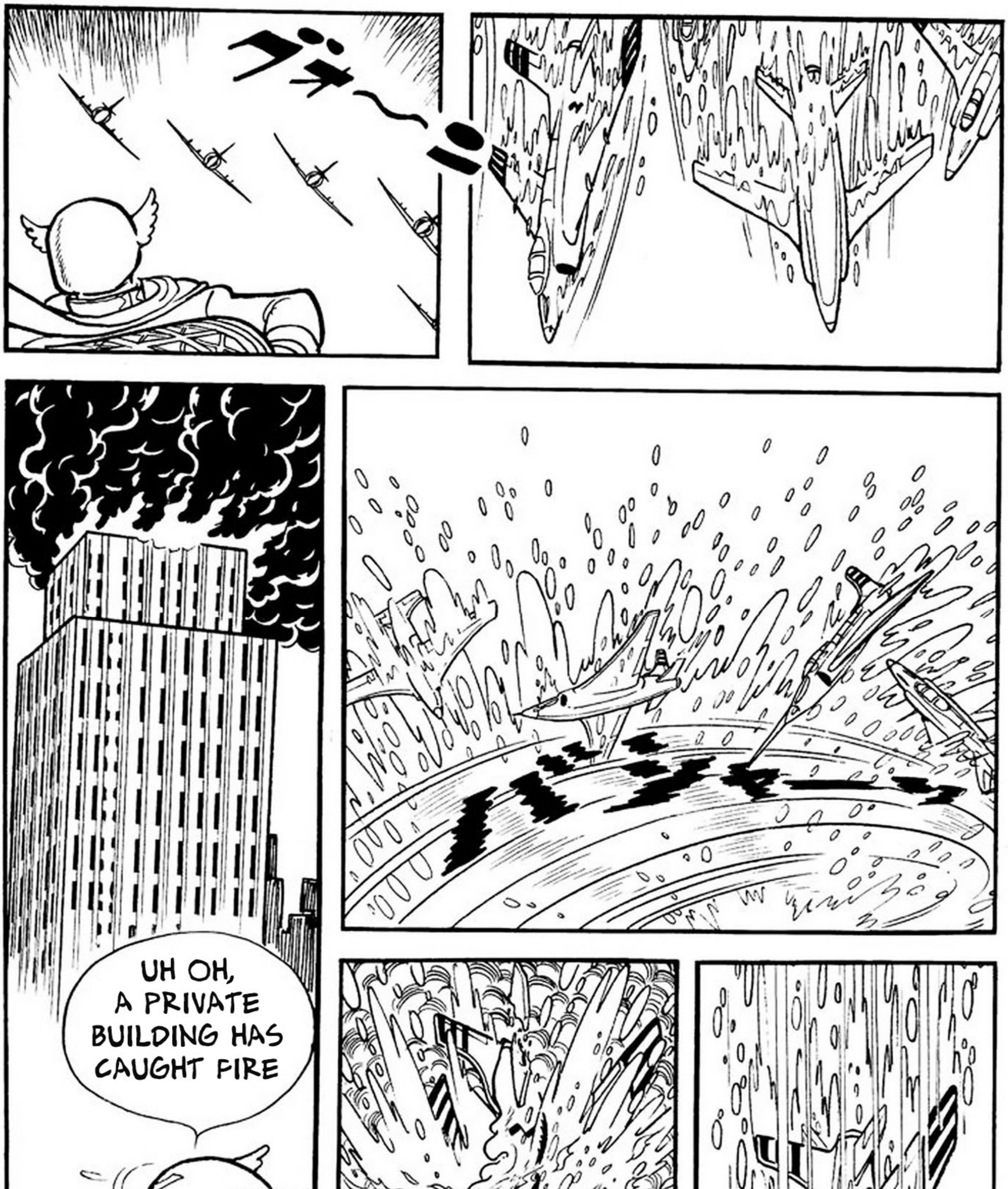

IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING THEN YOU'RE DONE FOR!
I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!

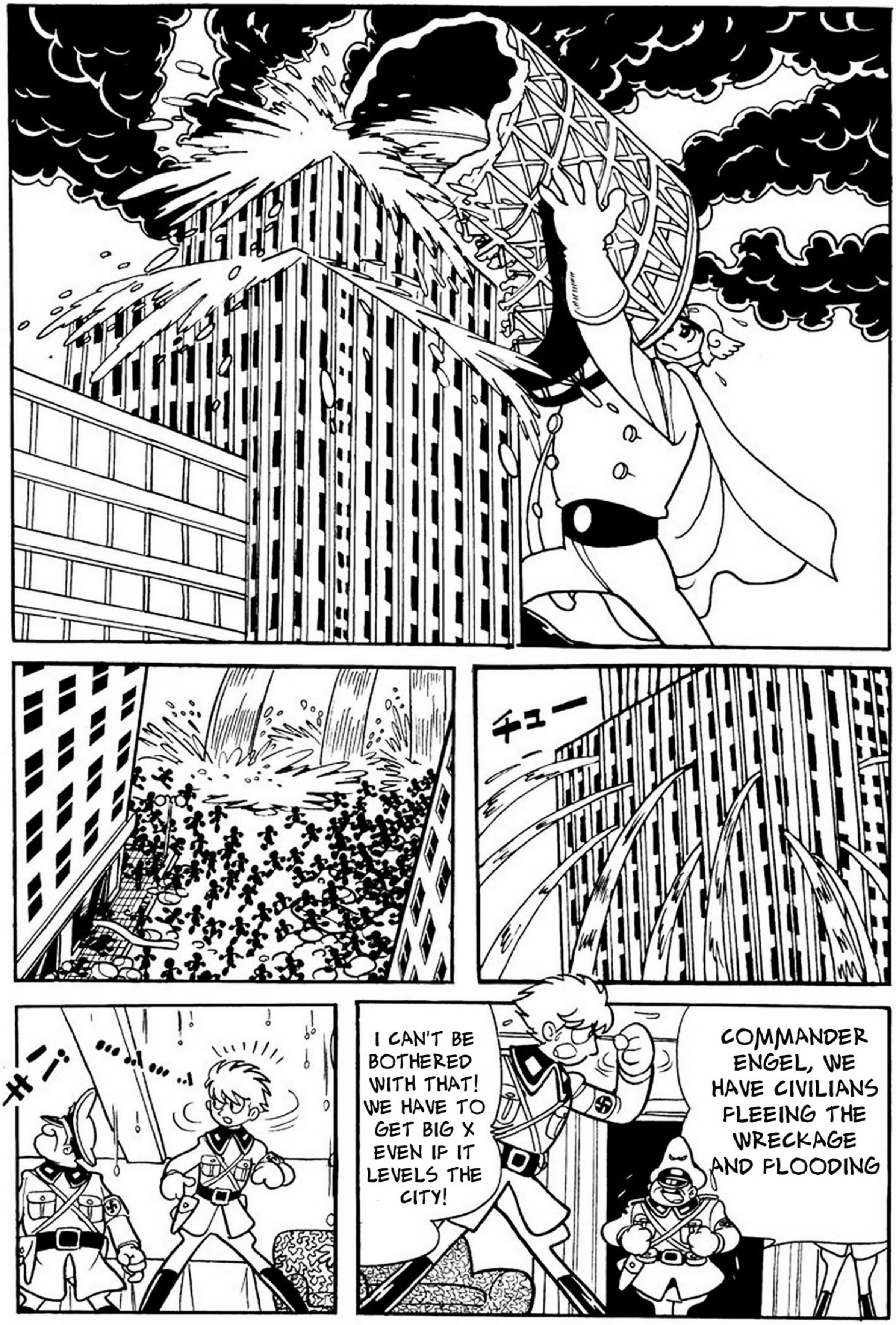

HELLO! AIRFORCE! URGENT! SEND IN ATTACK PLANES!
IF HE ESCAPES NOW WE MIGHT NEVER CATCH HIM AGAIN!
WE'RE NOT LETTING HIM GET AWAY!

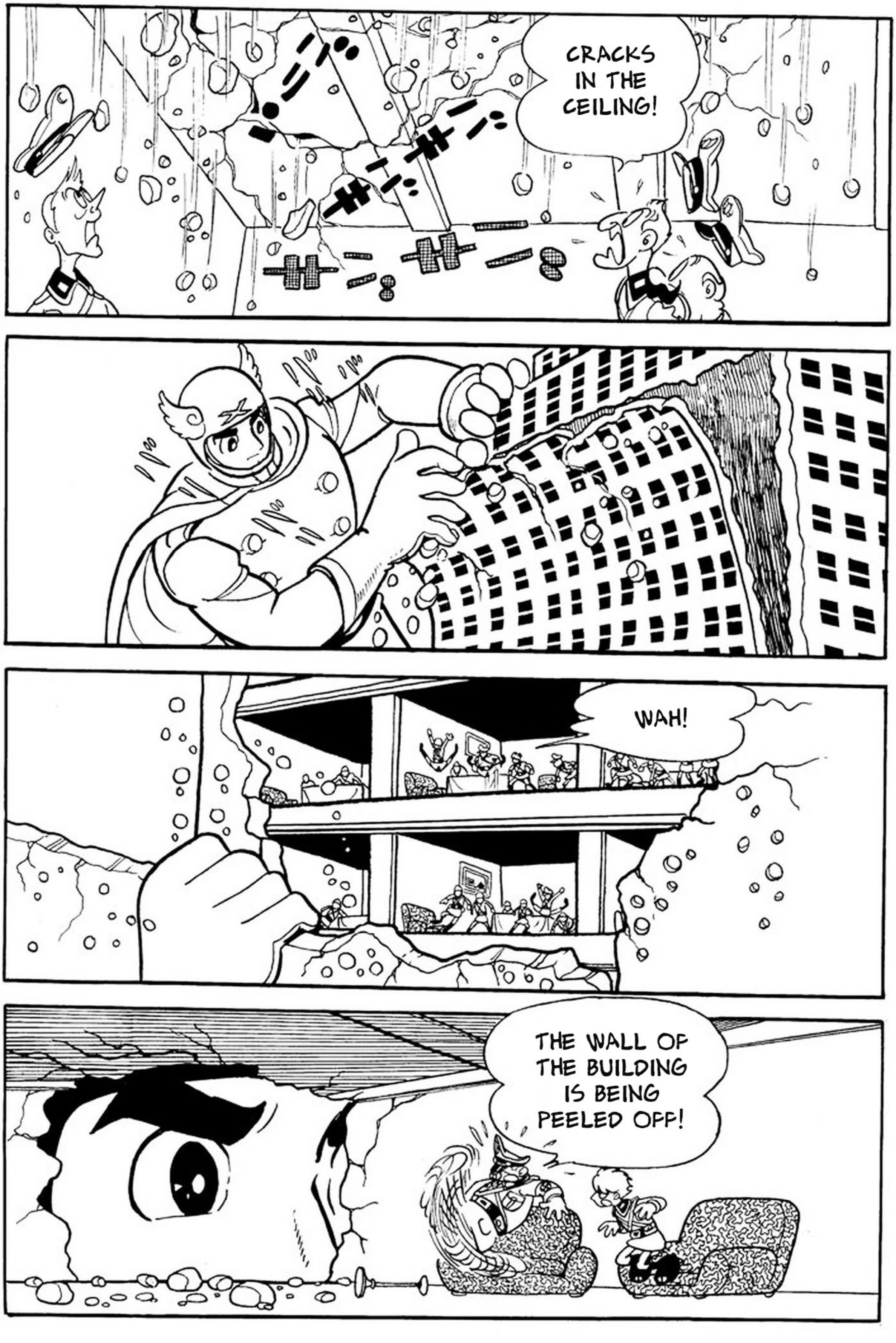

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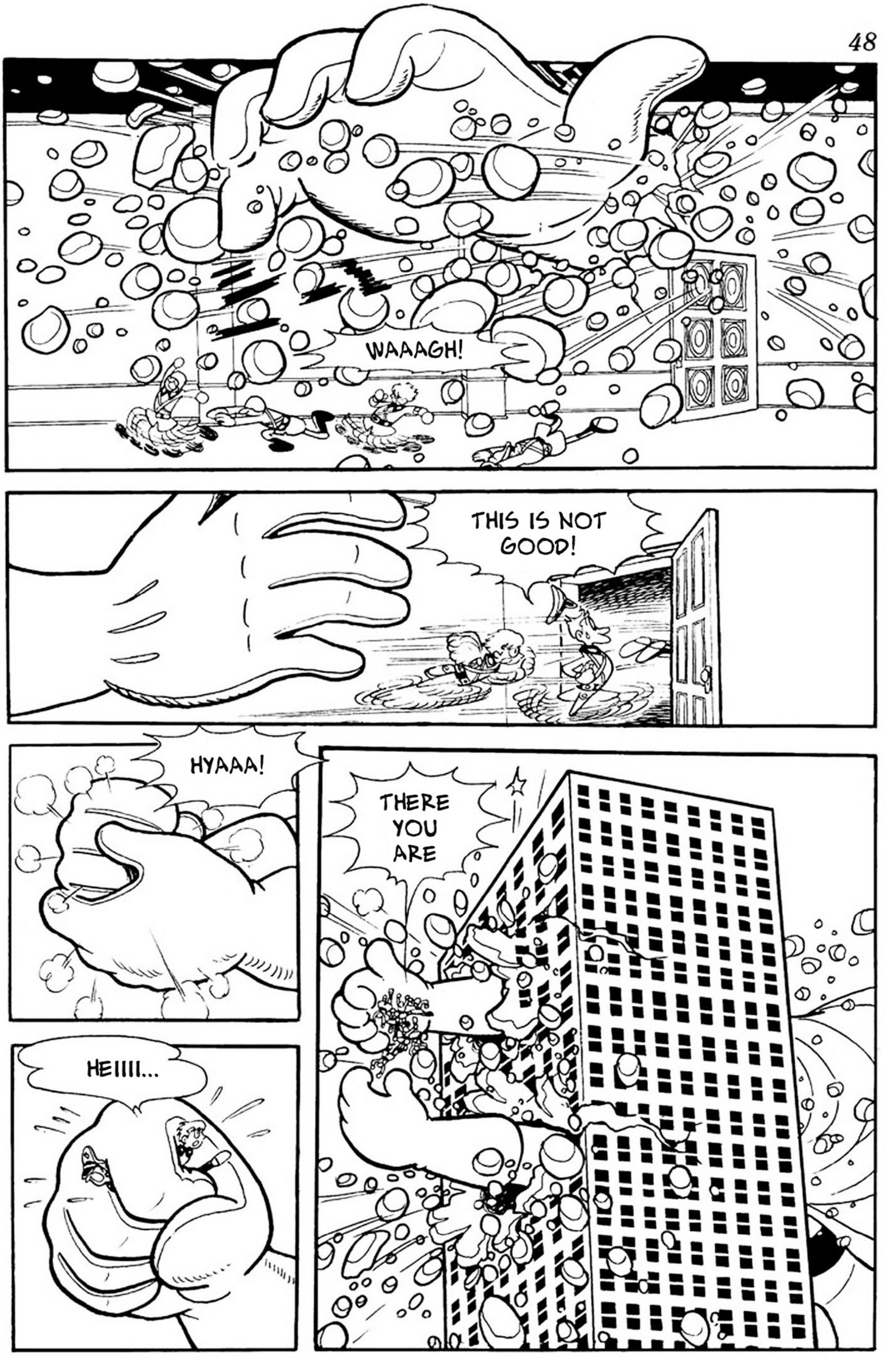

DAMN YOU ANNOYING FLIES!
ALRIGHT NOW...

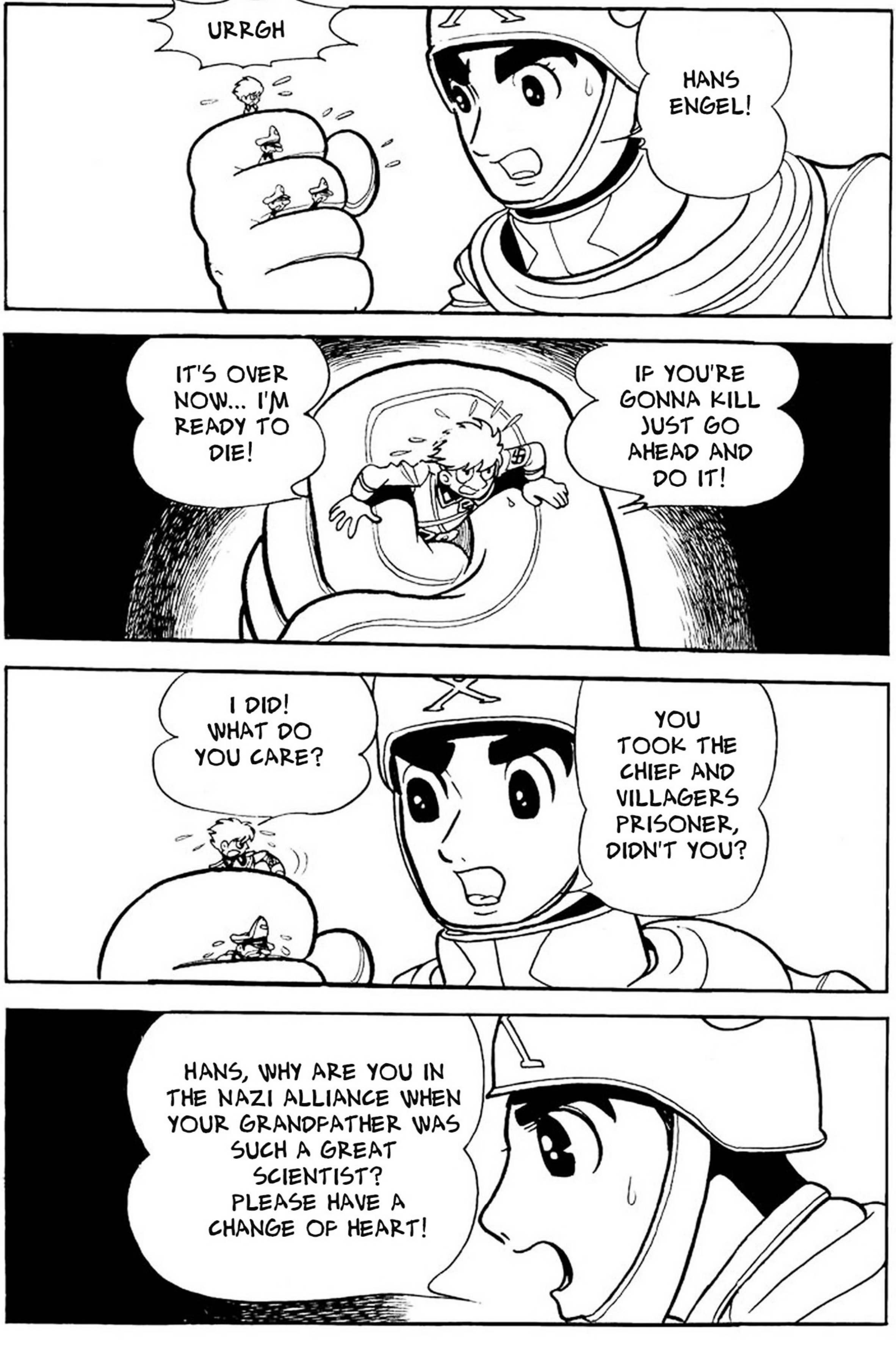

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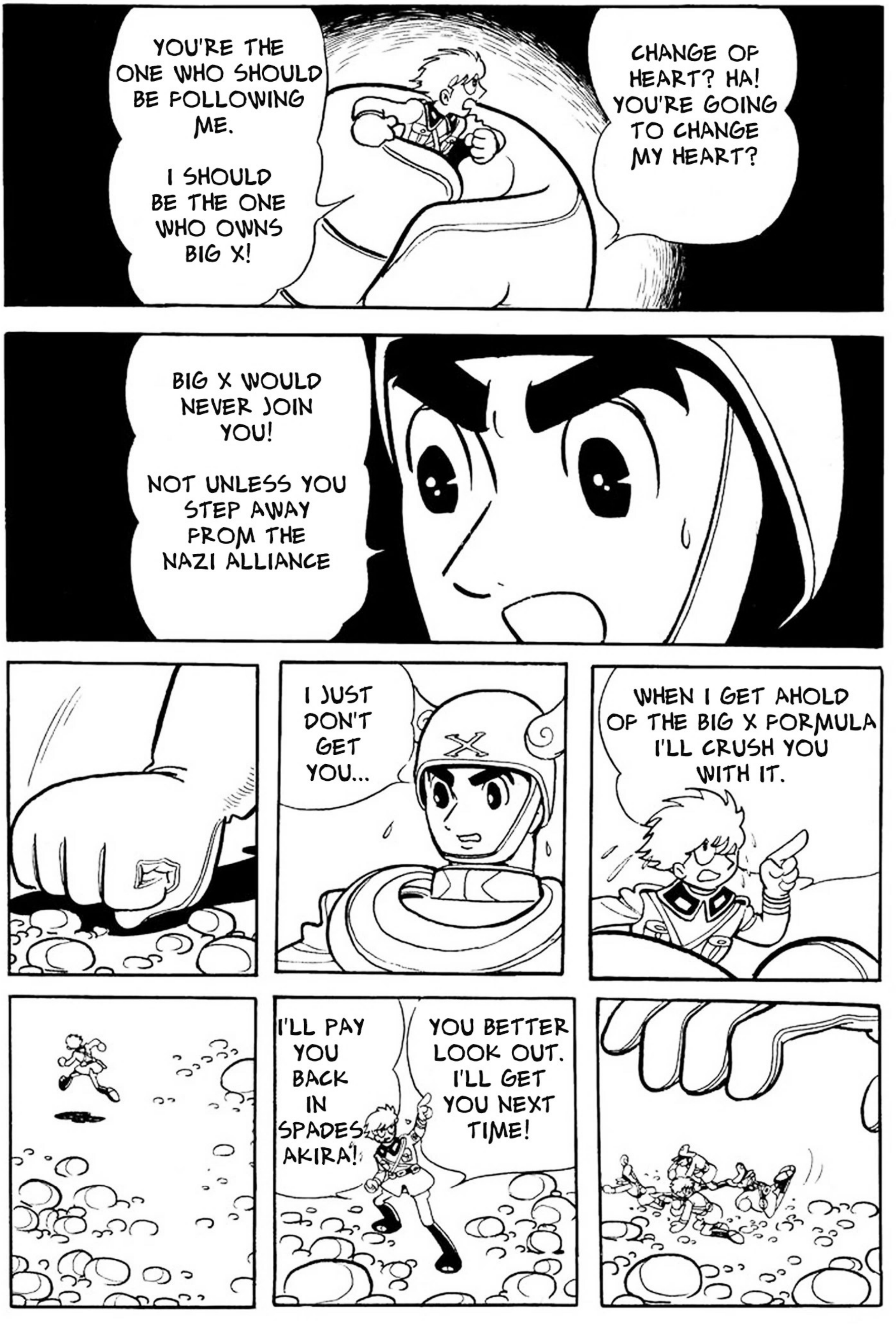

UH OH,
A PRIVATE
BUILDING HAS
CAUGHT FIRE

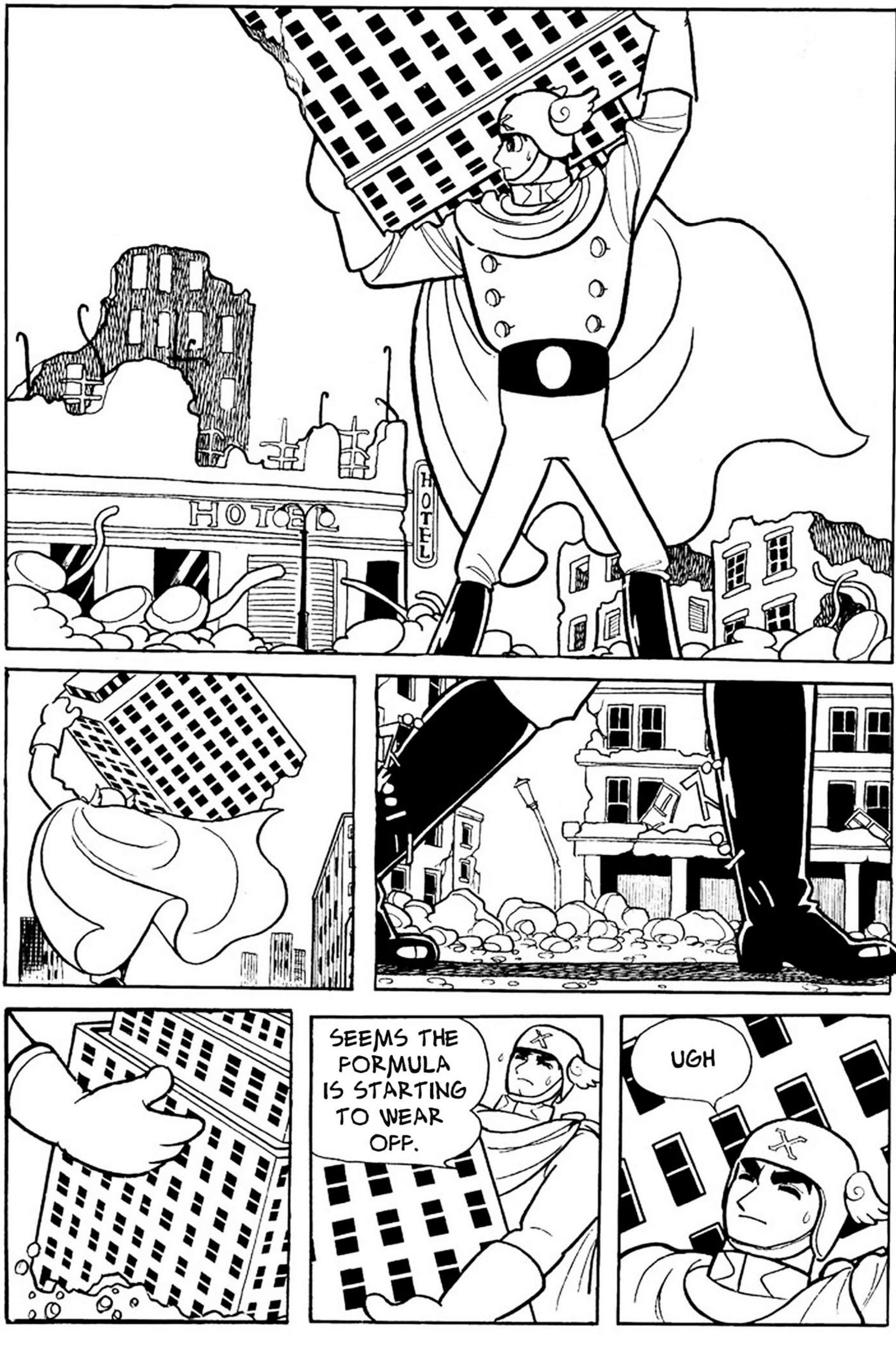

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COMMANDER ENGEL, WE HAVE CIVILIANS FLEEING THE WRECKAGE AND FLOODING
I CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH THAT! WE HAVE TO GET BIG X EVEN IF IT LEVELS THE CITY!

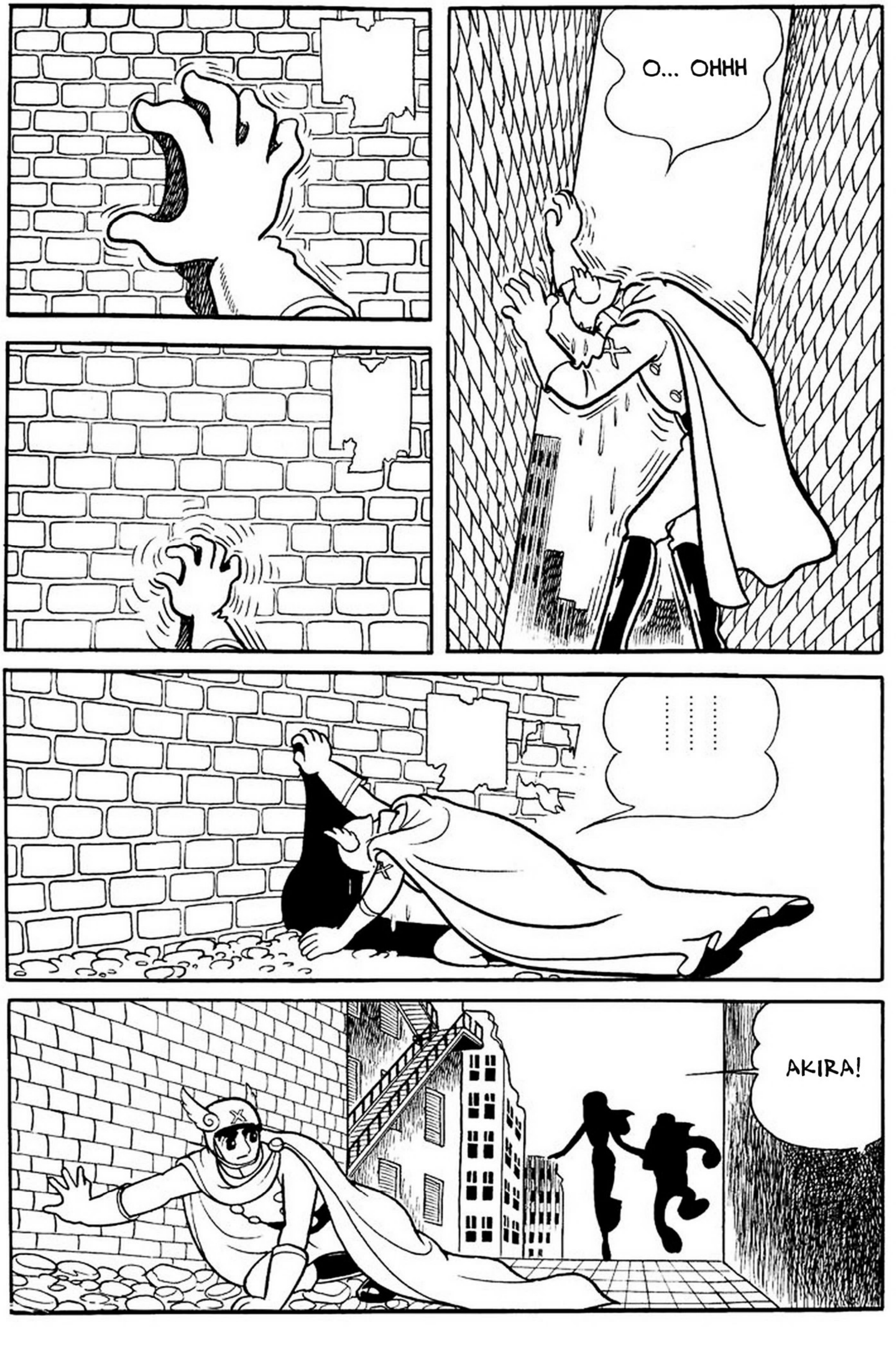

CRACKS IN THE CEILING!
WAH!
THE WALL OF THE BUILDING IS BEING PEELED OFF!

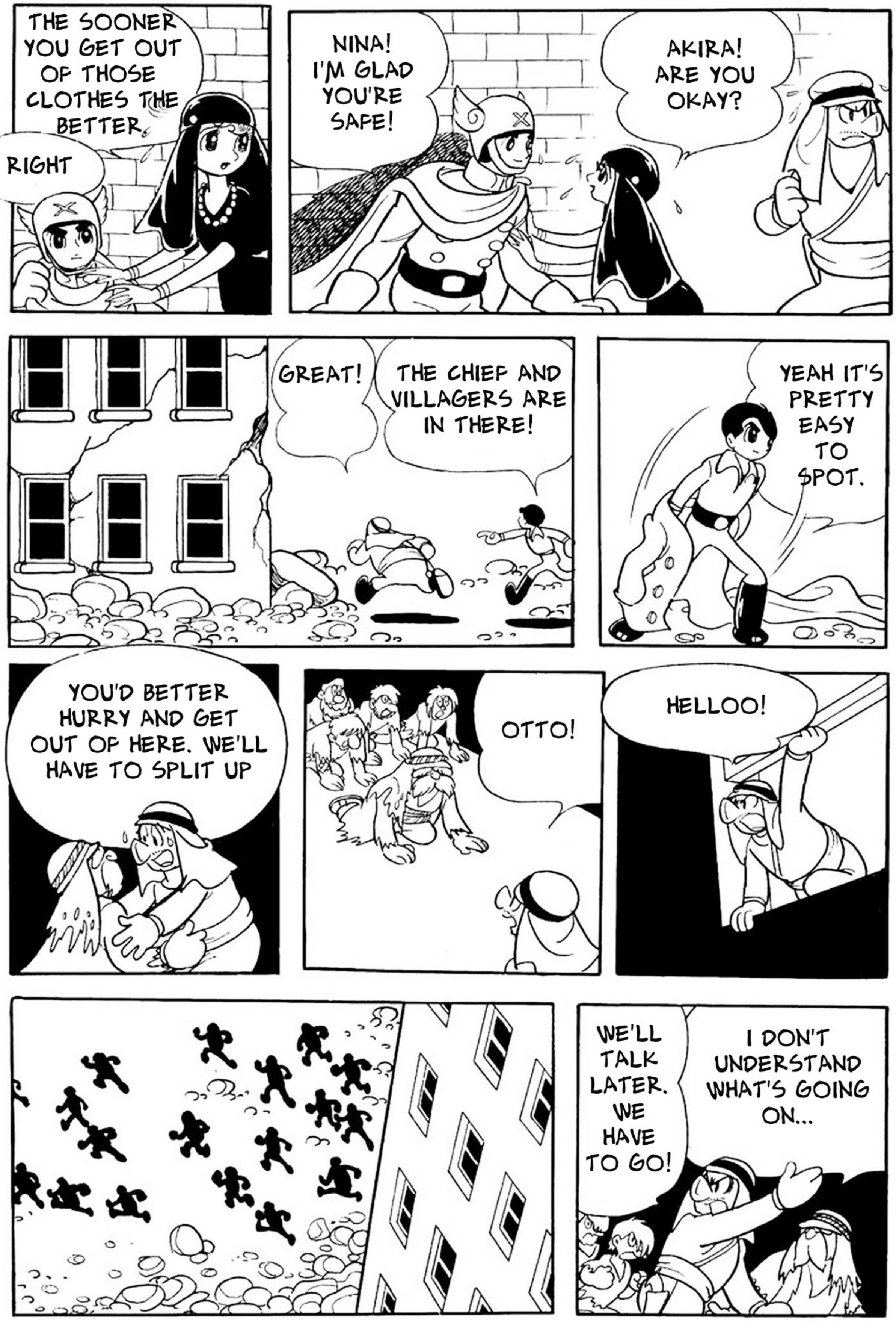

WAAAGH!
THIS IS NOT GOOD!
HYAAA!
THERE YOU ARE
HEIIII...

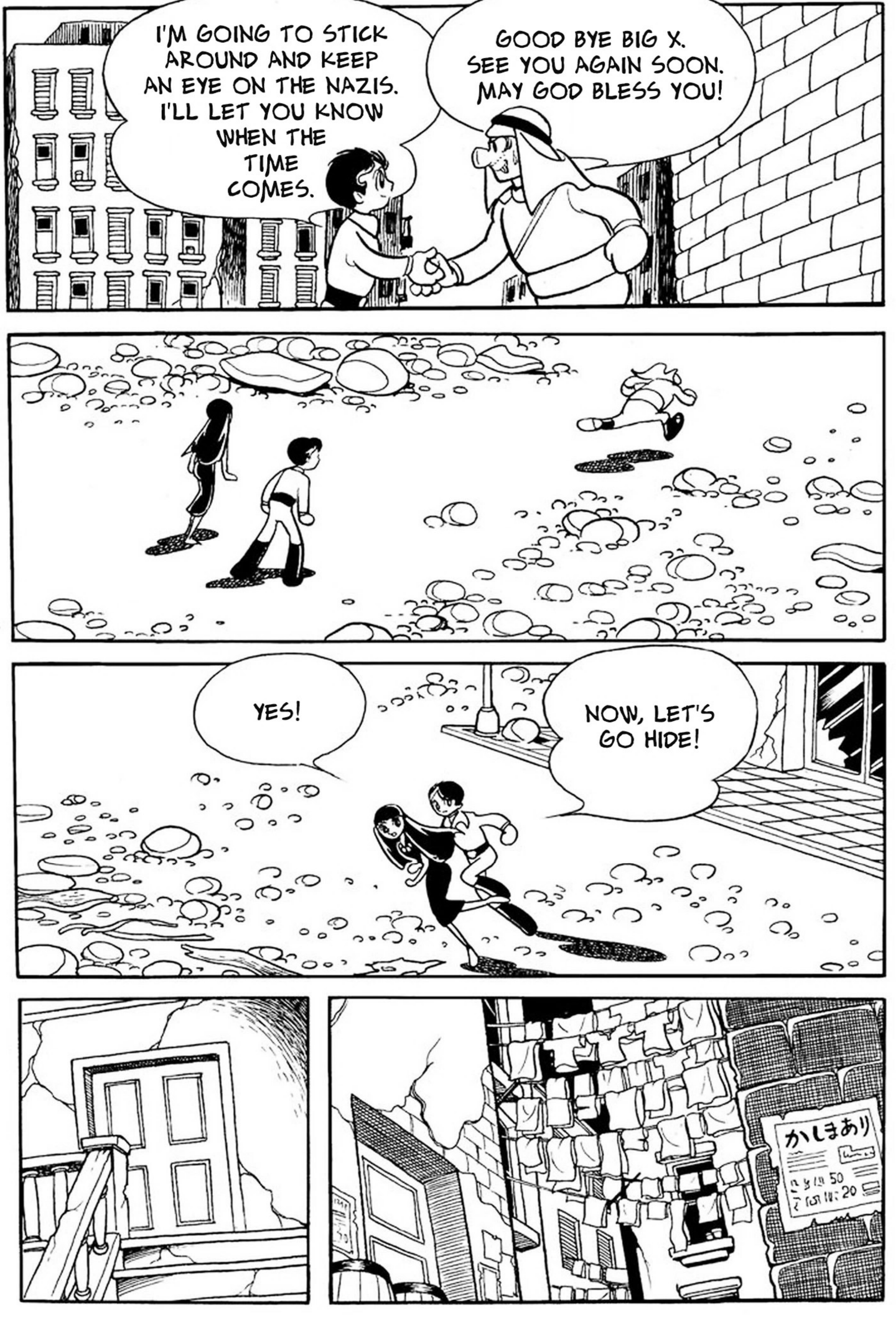

URRGH
HANS ENGEL!
IT'S OVER NOW... I'M READY TO DIE!
IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL JUST GO AHEAD AND DO IT!
YOU TOOK THE CHIEF AND VILLAGERS PRISONER, DIDN'T YOU?
I DID! WHAT DO YOU CARE?
HANS, WHY ARE YOU IN THE NAZI ALLIANCE WHEN YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS SUCH A GREAT SCIENTIST? PLEASE HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART!

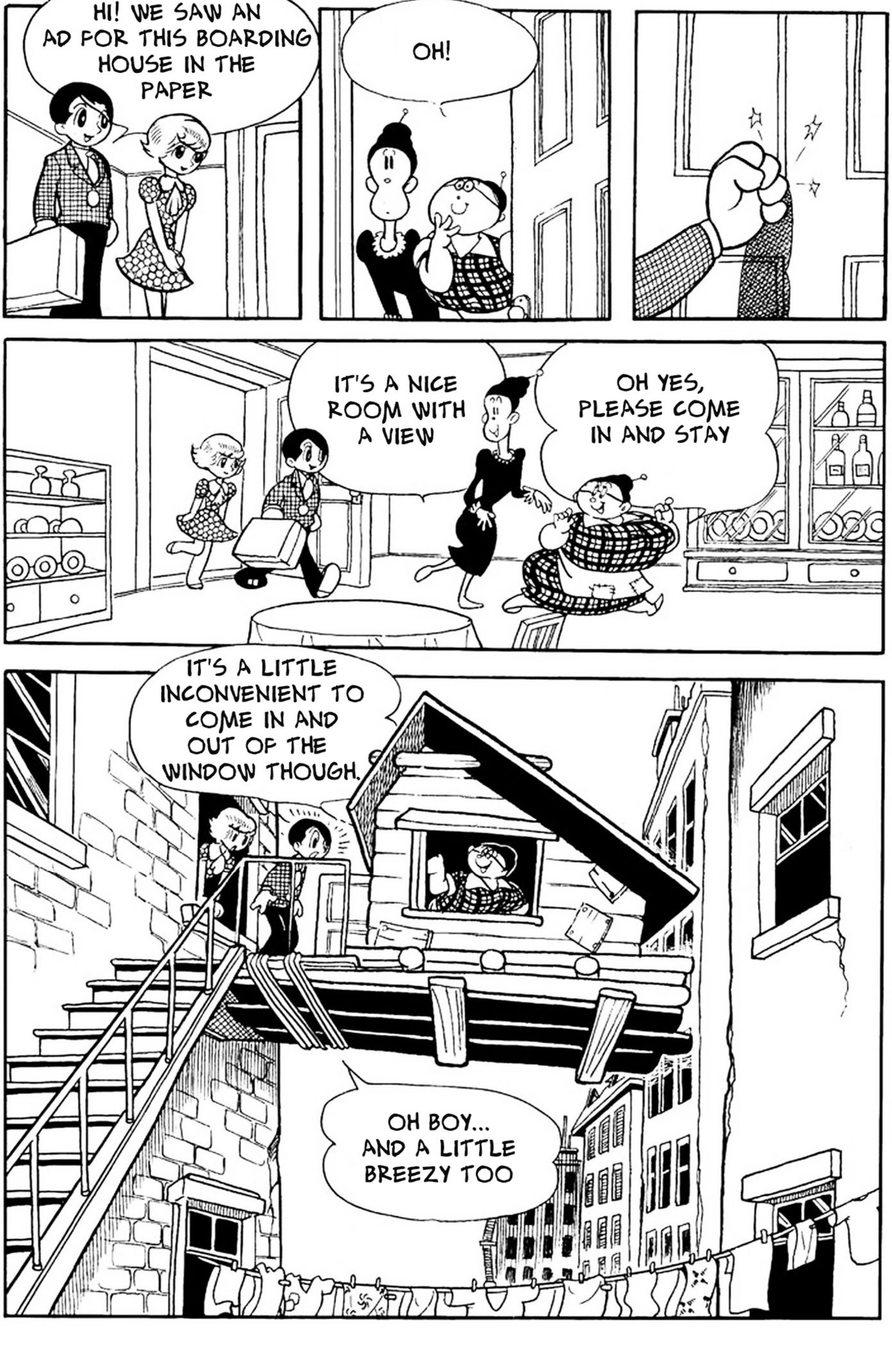

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE FOLLOWING ME.
I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO OWNS BIG X!
CHANGE OF HEART? HA! YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE MY HEART?
BIG X WOULD NEVER JOIN YOU!
NOT UNLESS YOU STEP AWAY FROM THE NAZI ALLIANCE
I JUST DON'T GET YOU...
WHEN I GET AHOLD OF THE BIG X FORMULA I'LL CRUSH YOU WITH IT.
YOU BETTER LOOK OUT. I'LL GET YOU NEXT TIME!
I'LL PAY YOU BACK IN SPADES AKIRA!

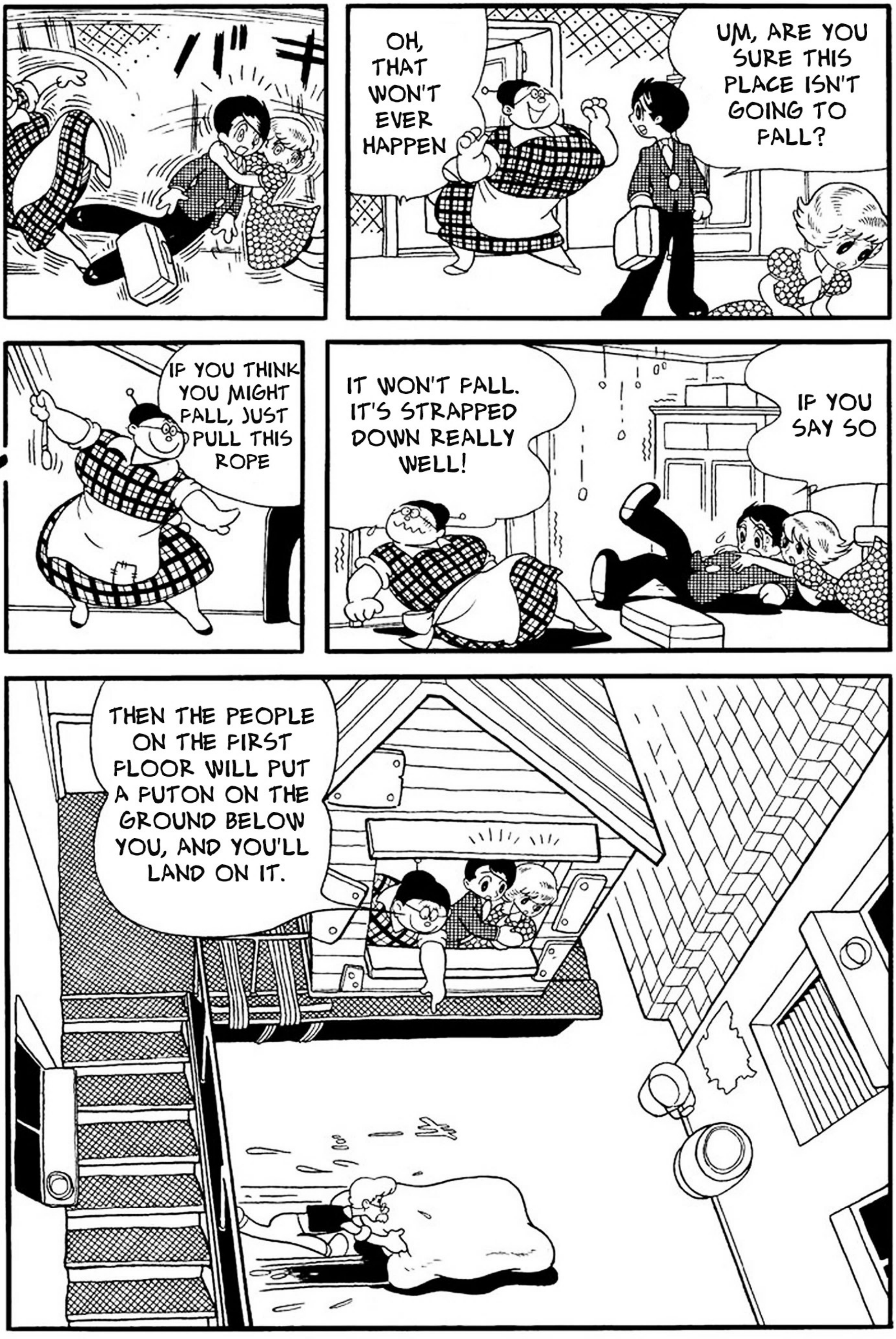

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SEEMS THE FORMULA IS STARTING TO WEAR OFF.
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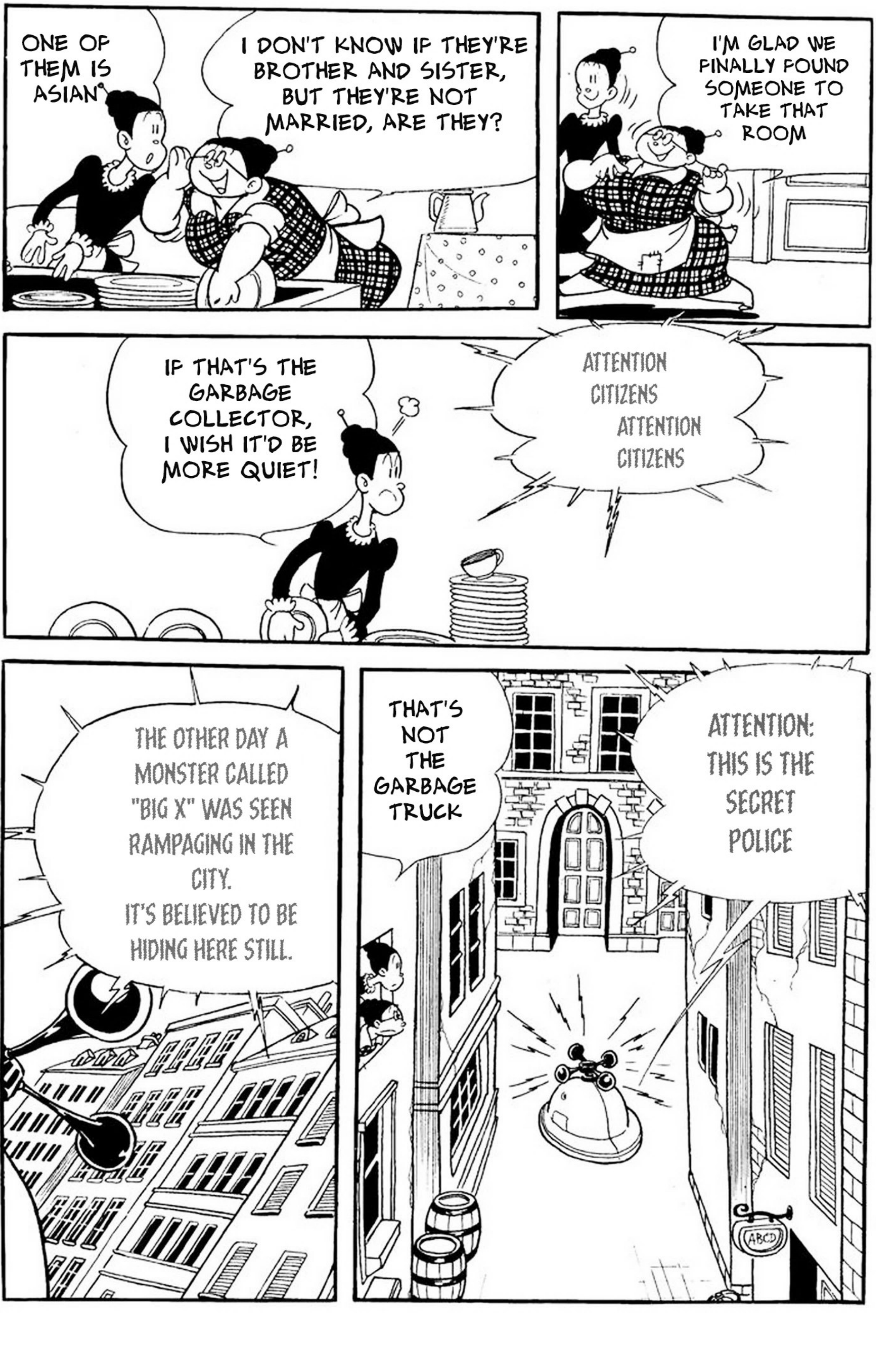

O... OHHH
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AKIRA!

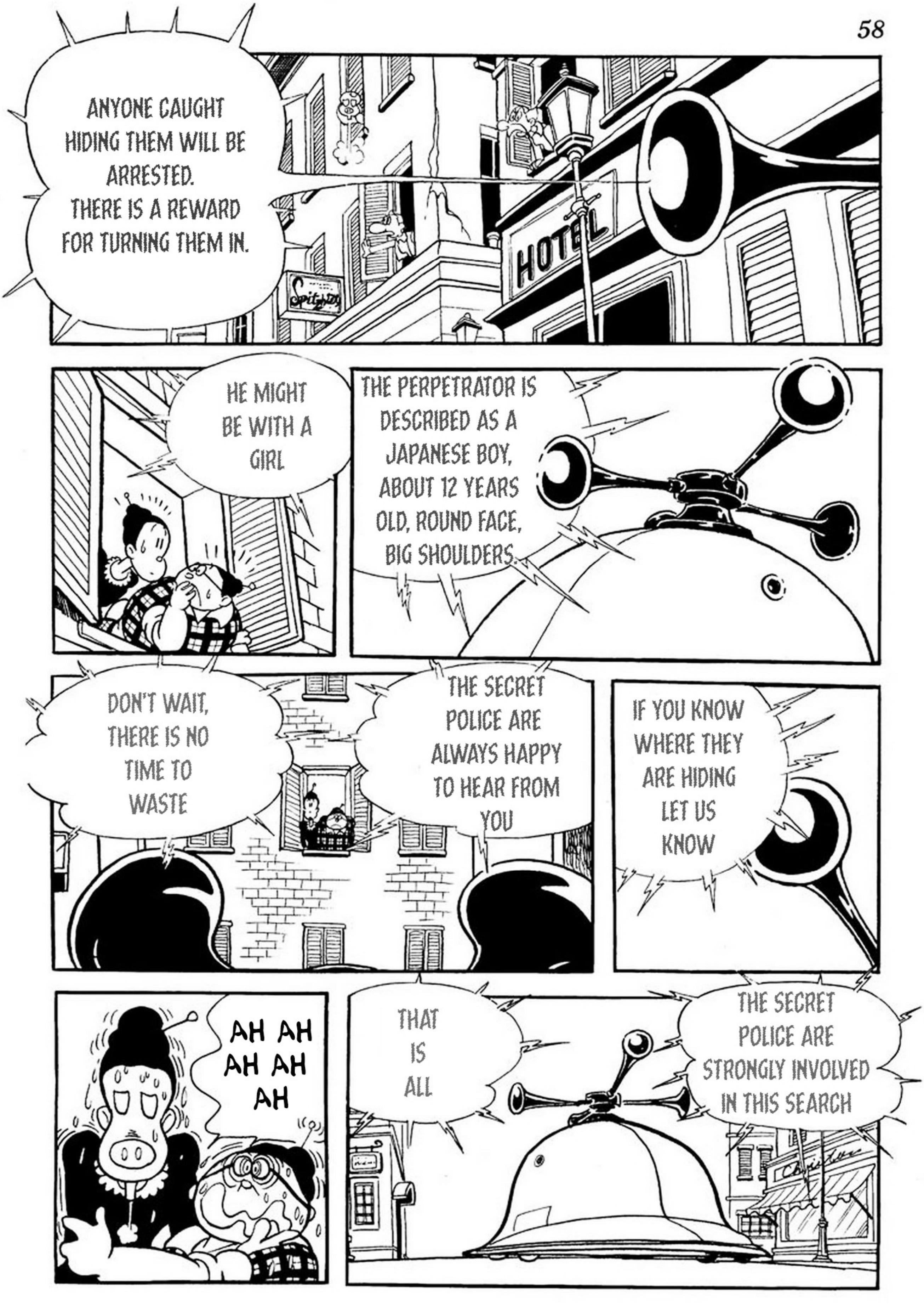

THE SOONER YOU GET OUT OF THOSE CLOTHES THE BETTER.
RIGHT
NINA! I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!
AKIRA! ARE YOU OKAY?
GREAT!
THE CHIEF AND VILLAGERS ARE IN THERE!
YEAH IT'S PRETTY EASY TO SPOT.
YOU'D BETTER HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE. WE'LL HAVE TO SPLIT UP
OTTO!
HELLOO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON...
WE'LL TALK LATER. WE HAVE TO GO!


I'M GOING TO STICK AROUND AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE NAZIS. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE TIME COMES.
GOOD BYE BIG X. SEE YOU AGAIN SOON. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!
YES!
NOW, LET'S GO HIDE!
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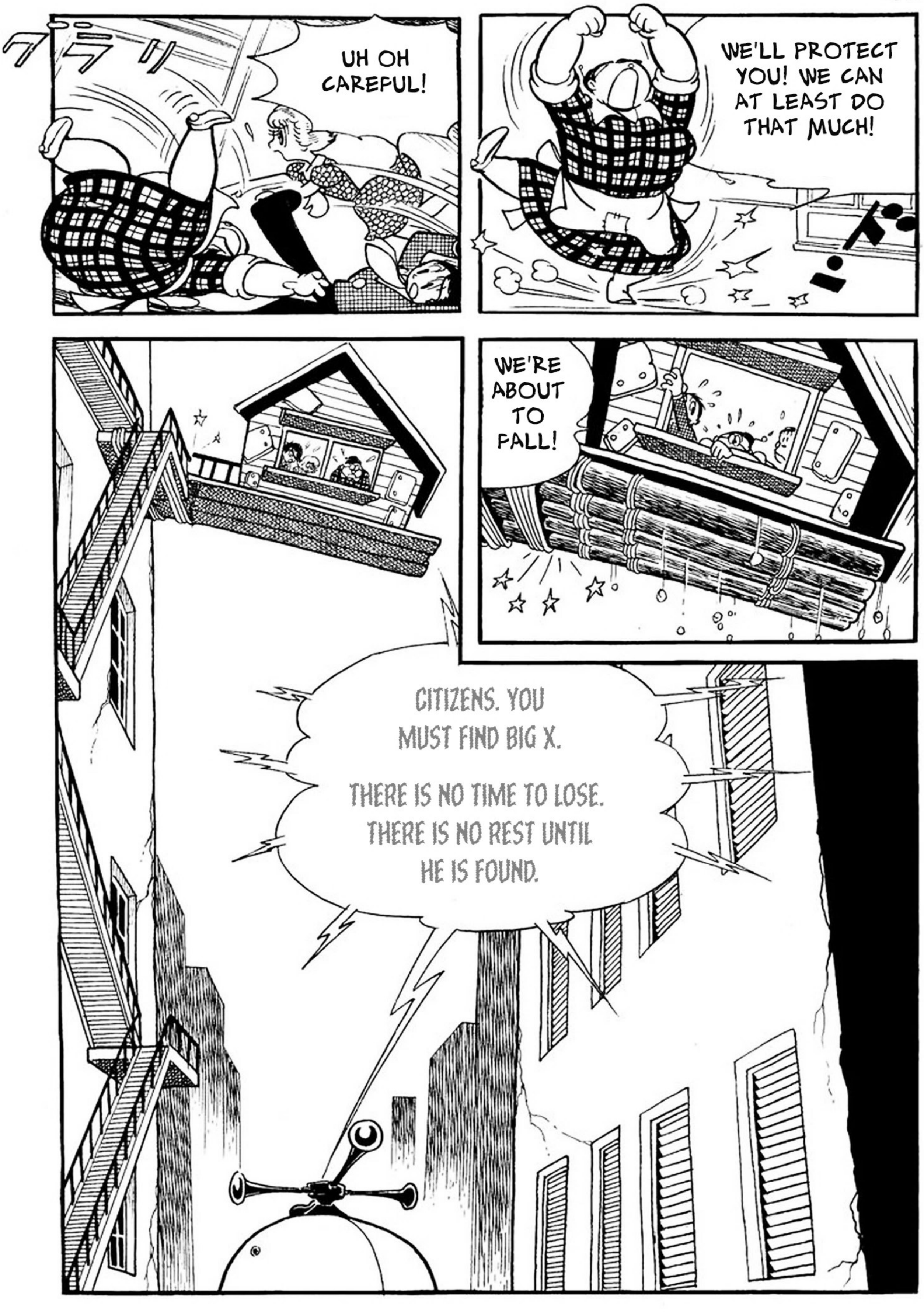

HI! WE SAW AN AD FOR THIS BOARDING HOUSE IN THE PAPER
OH!
IT'S A NICE ROOM WITH A VIEW
OH YES, PLEASE COME IN AND STAY
IT'S A LITTLE INCONVENIENT TO COME IN AND OUT OF THE WINDOW THOUGH.
OH BOY... AND A LITTLE BREEZY TOO

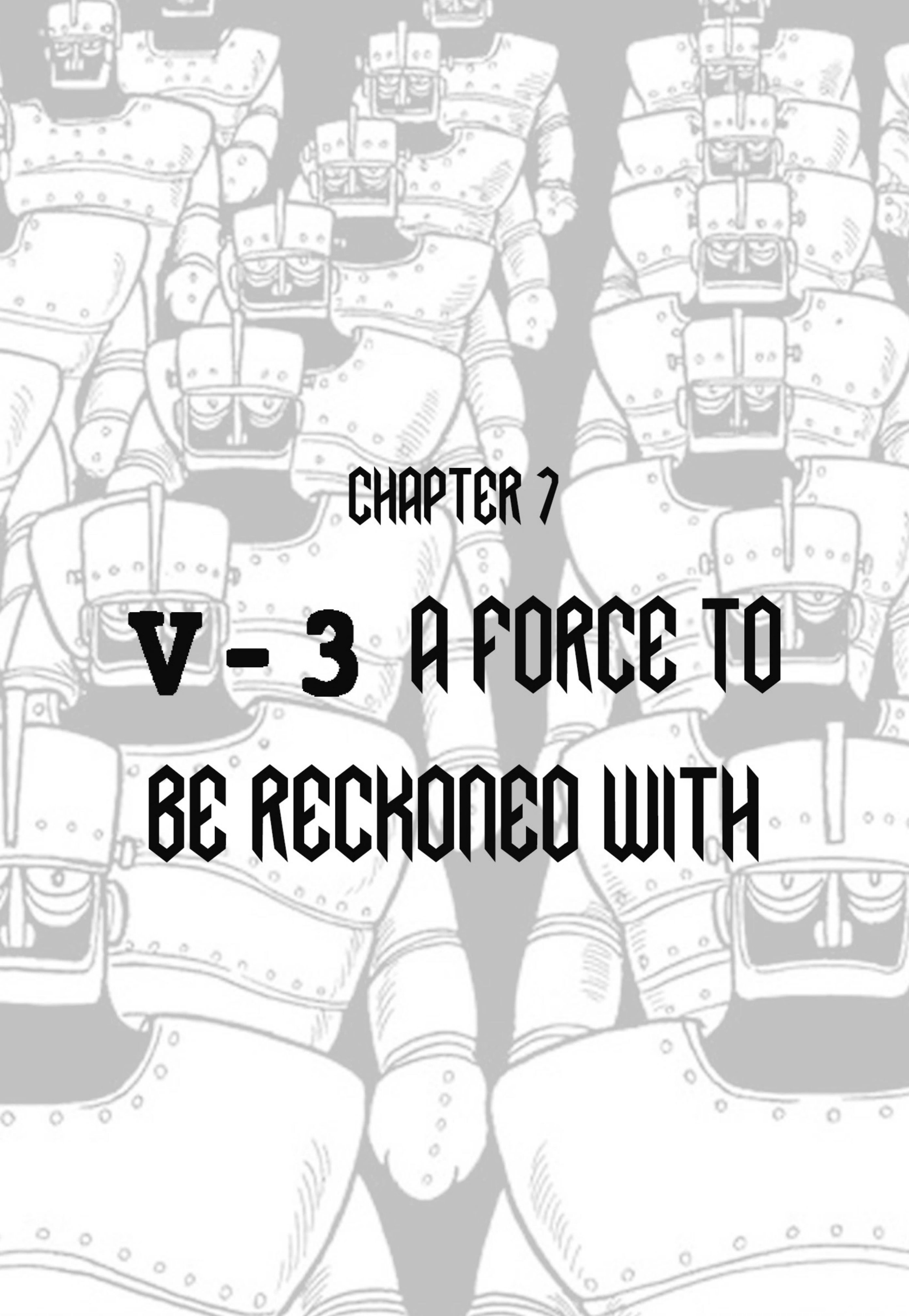

UM, ARE YOU SURE THIS PLACE ISN'T GOING TO FALL?
OH, THAT WON'T EVER HAPPEN
IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT FALL, JUST PULL THIS ROPE
IT WON'T FALL. IT'S STRAPPED DOWN REALLY WELL!
IF YOU SAY SO
THEN THE PEOPLE ON THE FIRST FLOOR WILL PUT A FUTON ON THE GROUND BELOW YOU, AND YOU'LL LAND ON IT.


ONE OF THEM IS ASIAN
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE BROTHER AND SISTER, BUT THEY'RE NOT MARRIED, ARE THEY?
I'M GLAD WE FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE TO TAKE THAT ROOM
IF THAT'S THE GARBAGE COLLECTOR, I WISH IT'D BE MORE QUIET!
ATTENTION CITIZENS ATTENTION CITIZENS
THE OTHER DAY A MONSTER CALLED "BIG X" WAS SEEN RAMPAGING IN THE CITY. IT'S BELIEVED TO BE HIDING HERE STILL.
THAT'S NOT THE GARBAGE TRUCK
ATTENTION: THIS IS THE SECRET POLICE
ABCD


ANYONE CAUGHT HIDING THEM WILL BE ARRESTED. THERE IS A REWARD FOR TURNING THEM IN.
HOTEL
HE MIGHT BE WITH A GIRL
THE PERPETRATOR IS DESCRIBED AS A JAPANESE BOY, ABOUT 12 YEARS OLD, ROUND FACE, BIG SHOULDERS.
DON'T WAIT, THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE
THE SECRET POLICE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU
IF YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE HIDING LET US KNOW
AH AH AH AH AH
THAT IS ALL
THE SECRET POLICE ARE STRONGLY INVOLVED IN THIS SEARCH

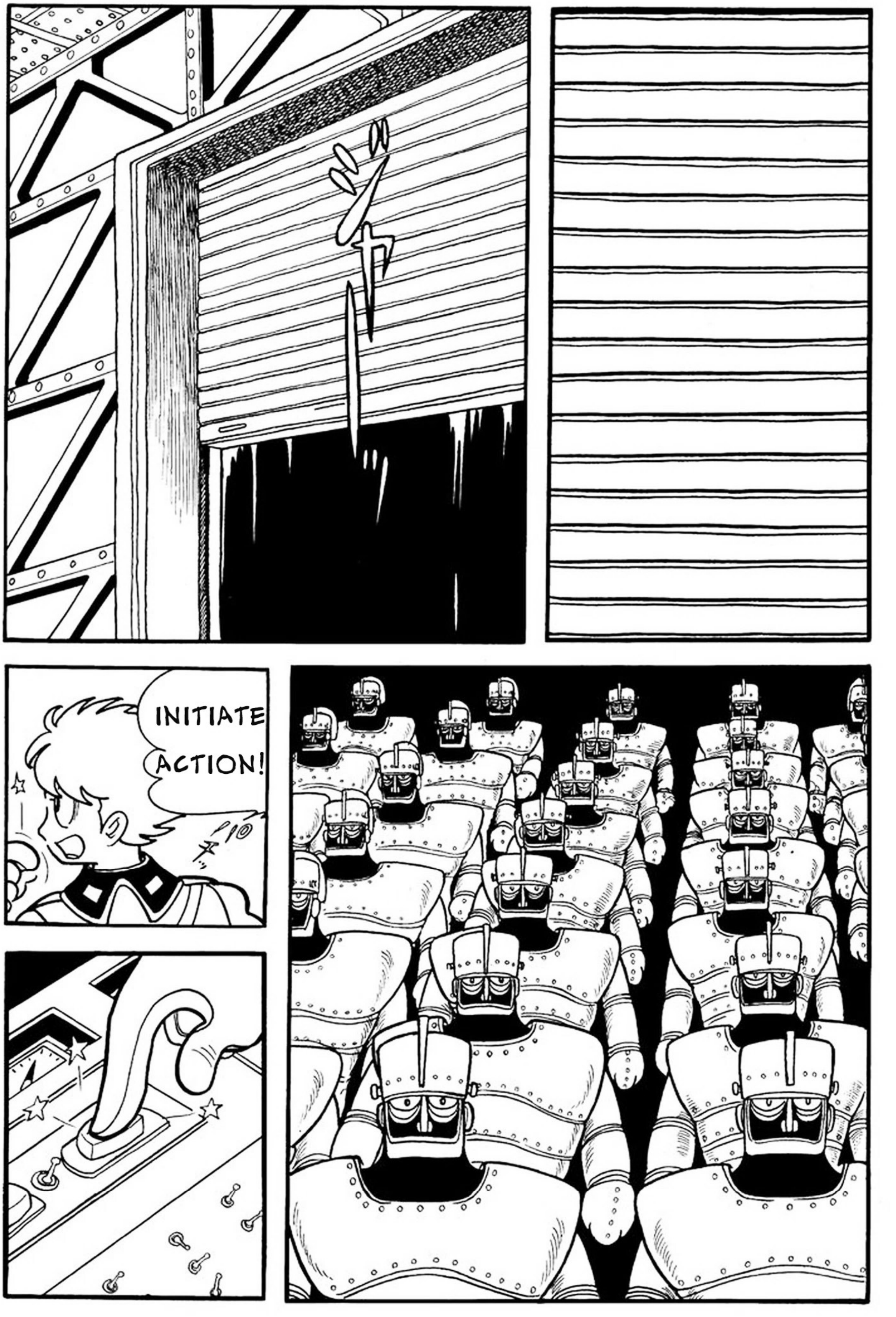

AH! AH!
AH!
AH!
TURN YOU IN?
WILL YOU TURN US IN?
SO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?
WE AREN'T GONNA LISTEN TO THAT NASTY SECRET POLICE!
WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!
NO WAY! WE WOULDN'T DO THAT!
WE'RE ALWAYS ON EDGE WITH THEM. SO THIS IS A REALLY GREAT DAY!
THIS COUNTRY WAS SO MUCH BETTER ONCE UPON A TIME. BUT THEN THE NAZI ALLIANCE TOOK OVER

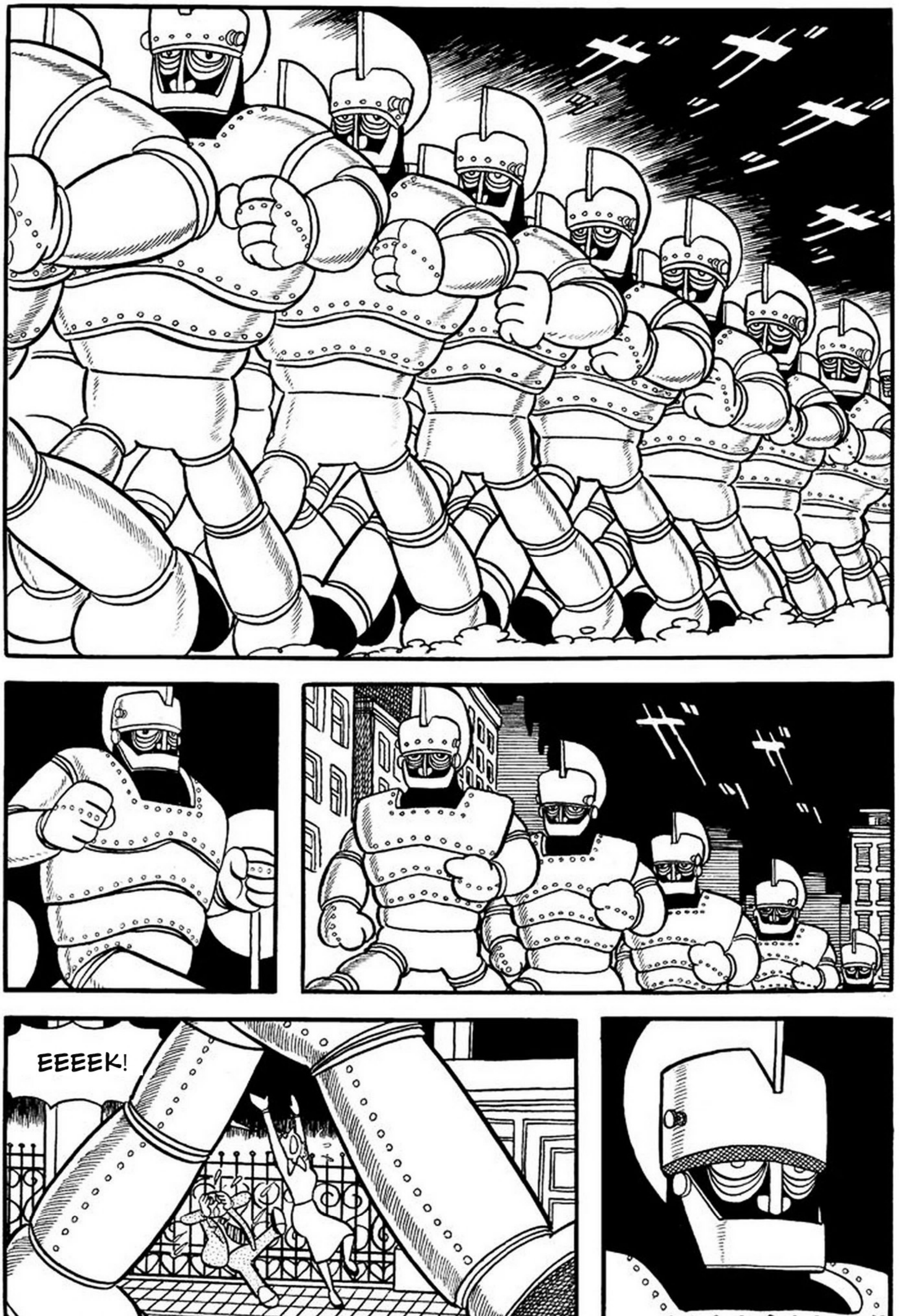

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UH OH CAREFUL!
WE'LL PROTECT YOU! WE CAN AT LEAST DO THAT MUCH!
WE'RE ABOUT TO FALL!
CITIZENS. YOU MUST FIND BIG X.
THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE. THERE IS NO REST UNTIL HE IS FOUND.

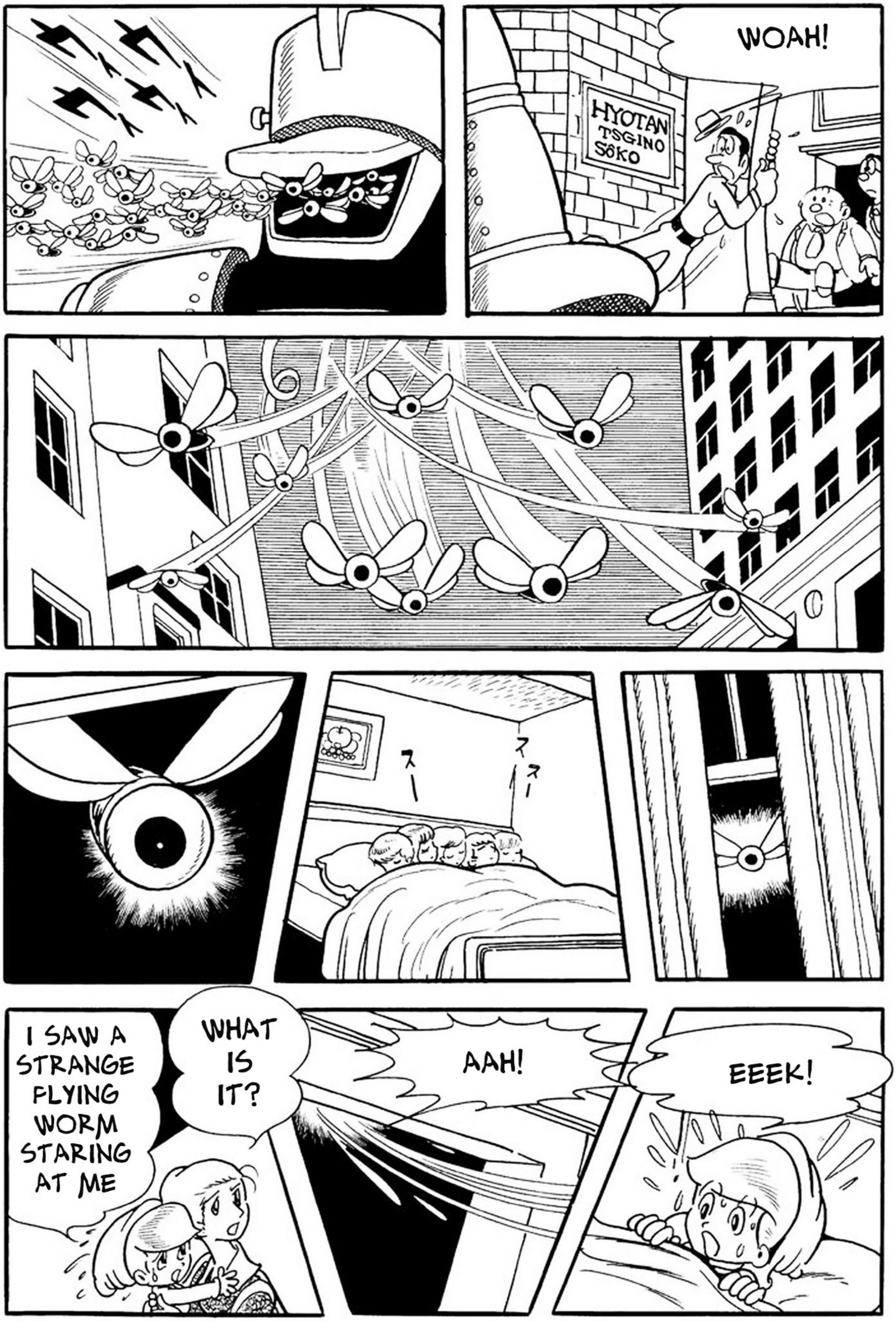


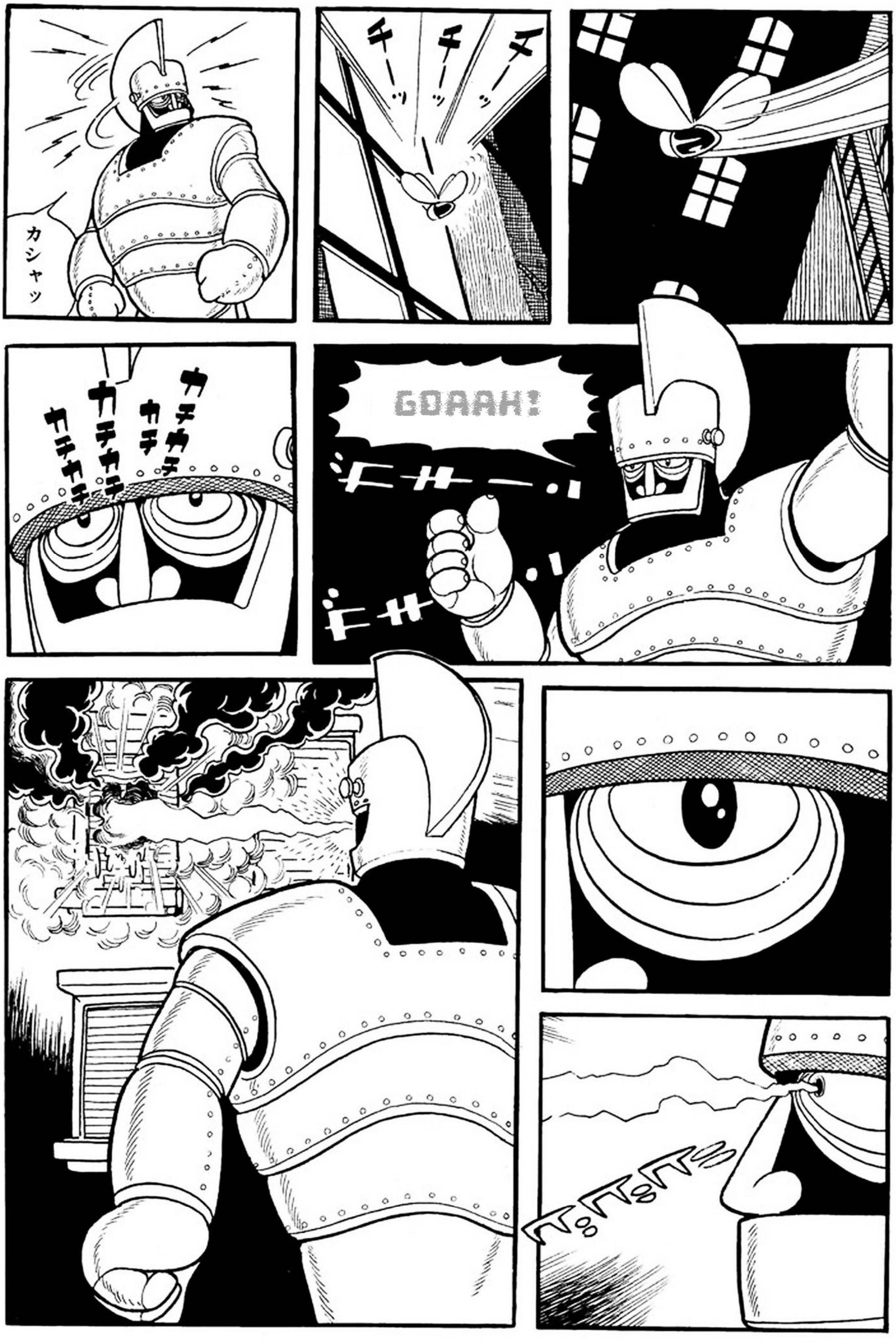
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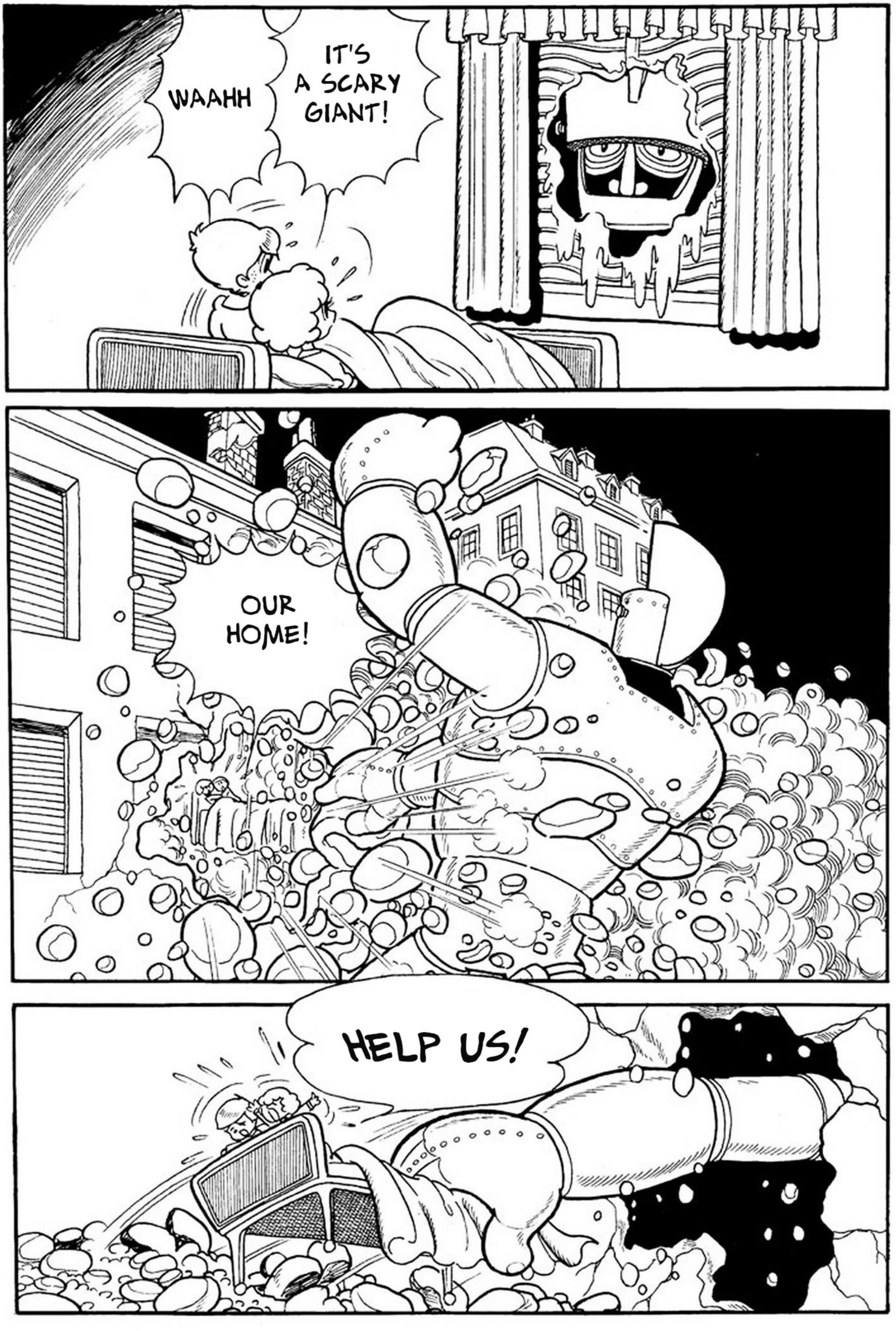
V-3 A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

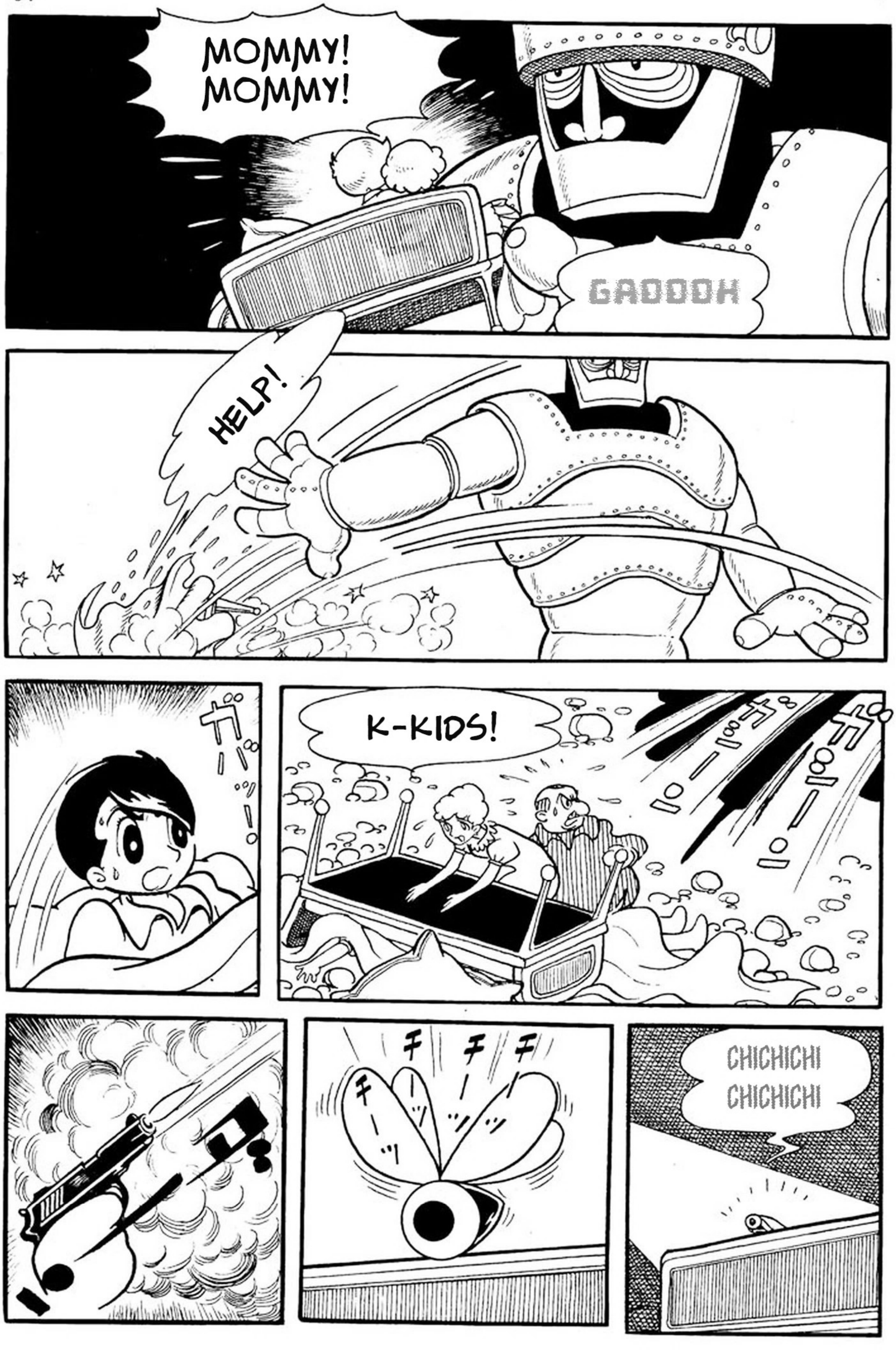

INITIATE ACTION!

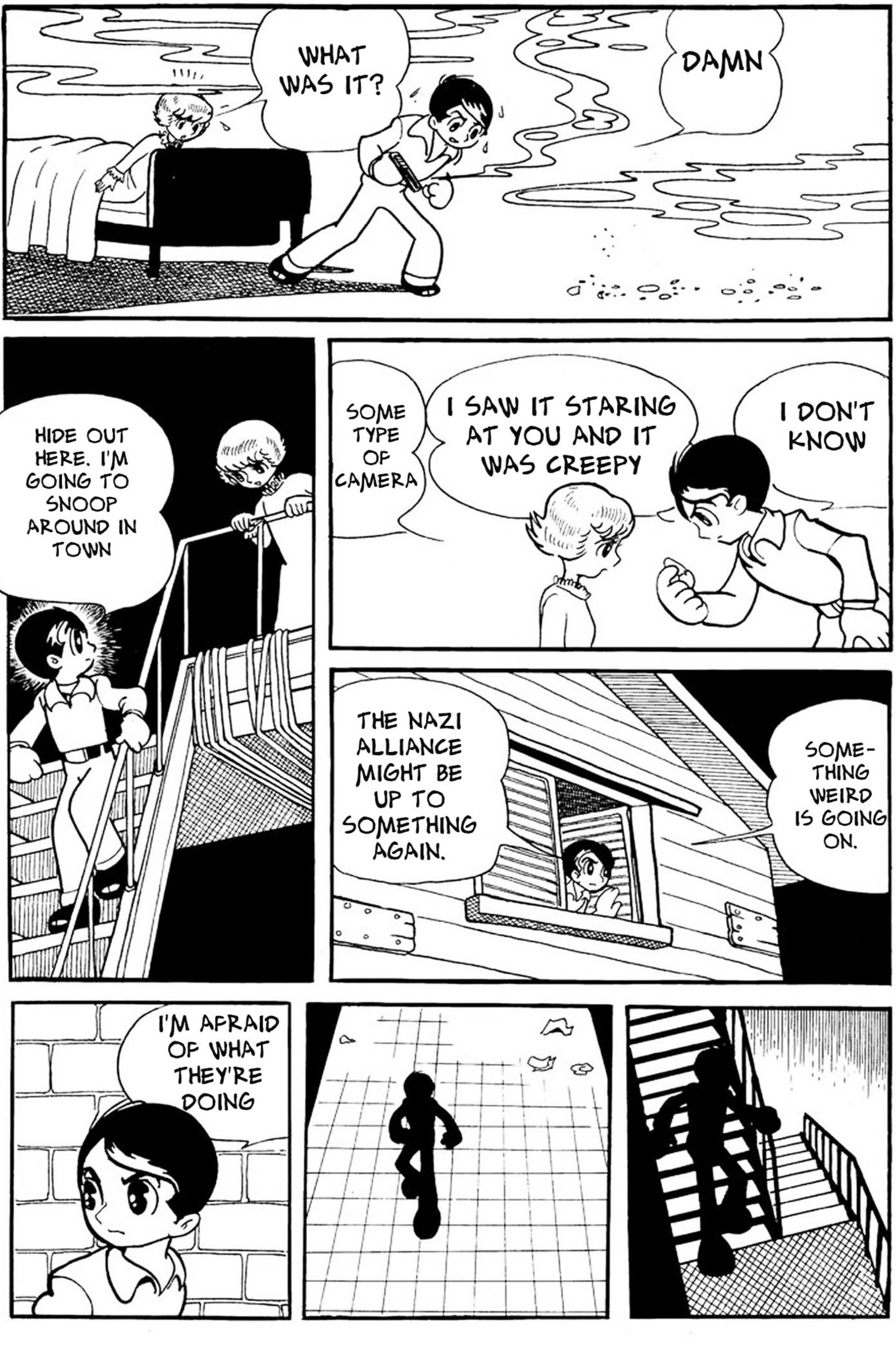

EEEEK!


WOAH!
HYOTAN TSGINO SÔKO
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I SAW A STRANGE FLYING WORM STARING AT ME
WHAT IS IT?
AAH!
EEEK!

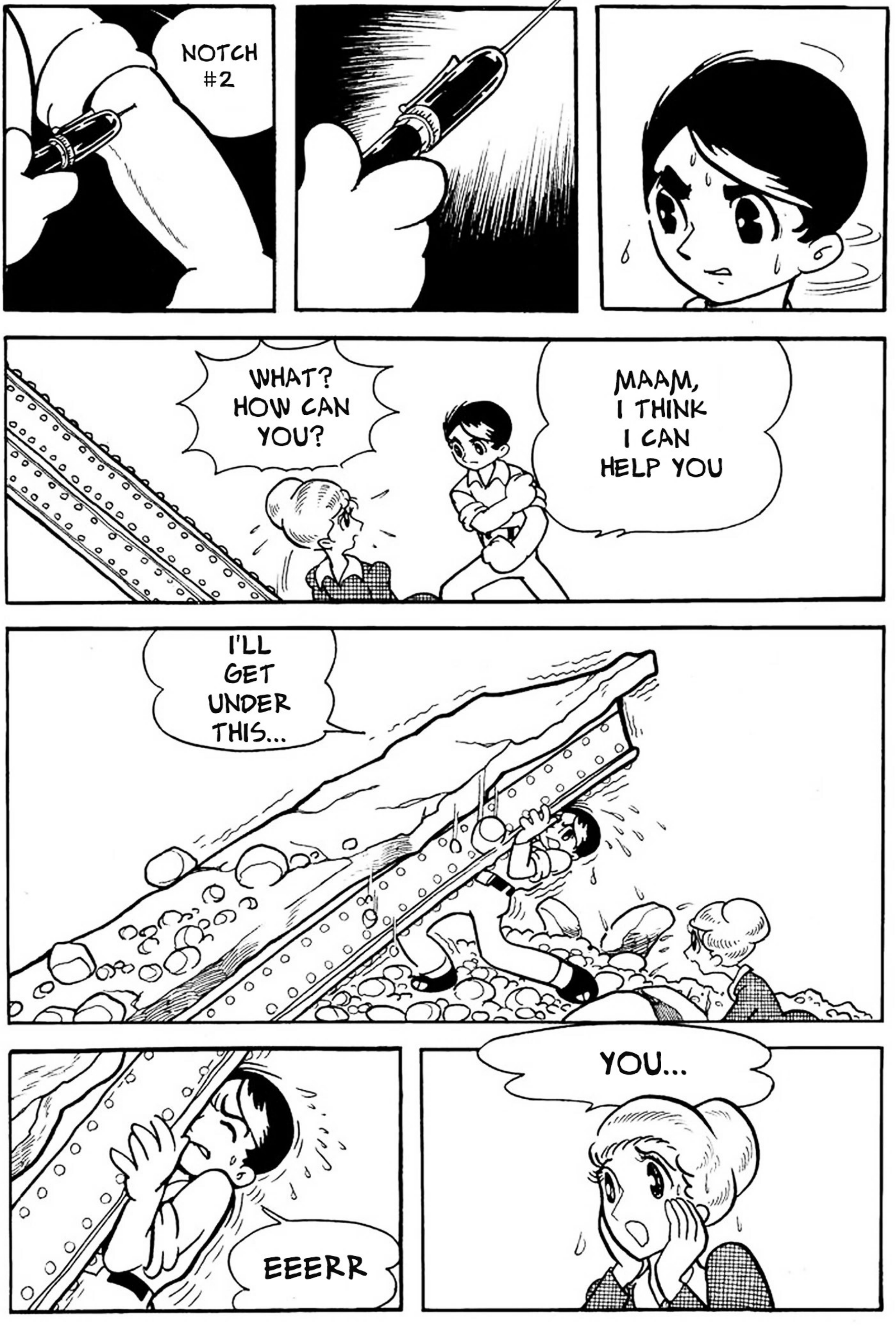

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GOAAH!
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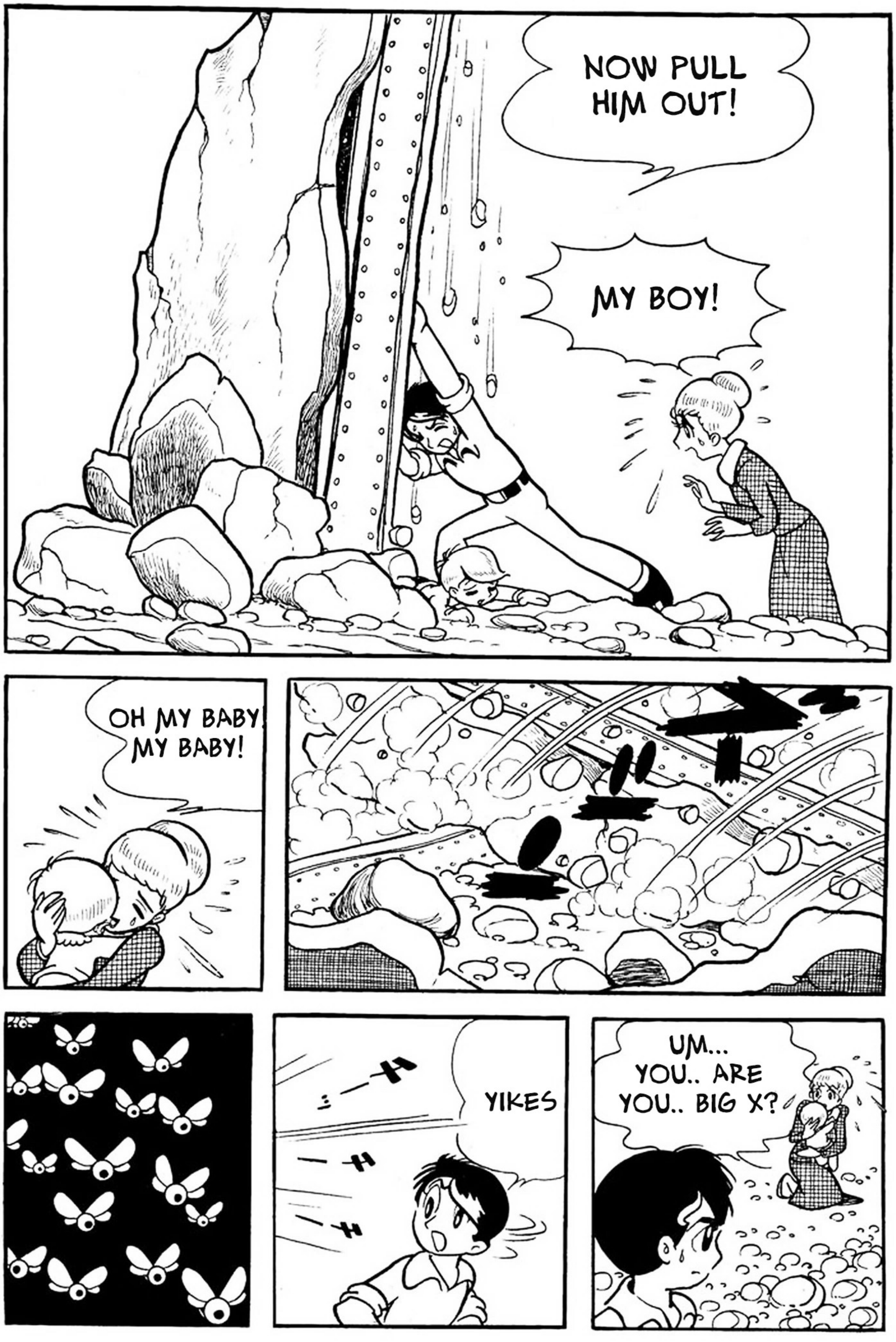

WAAHH
IT'S A SCARY GIANT!
OUR HOME!
HELP US!

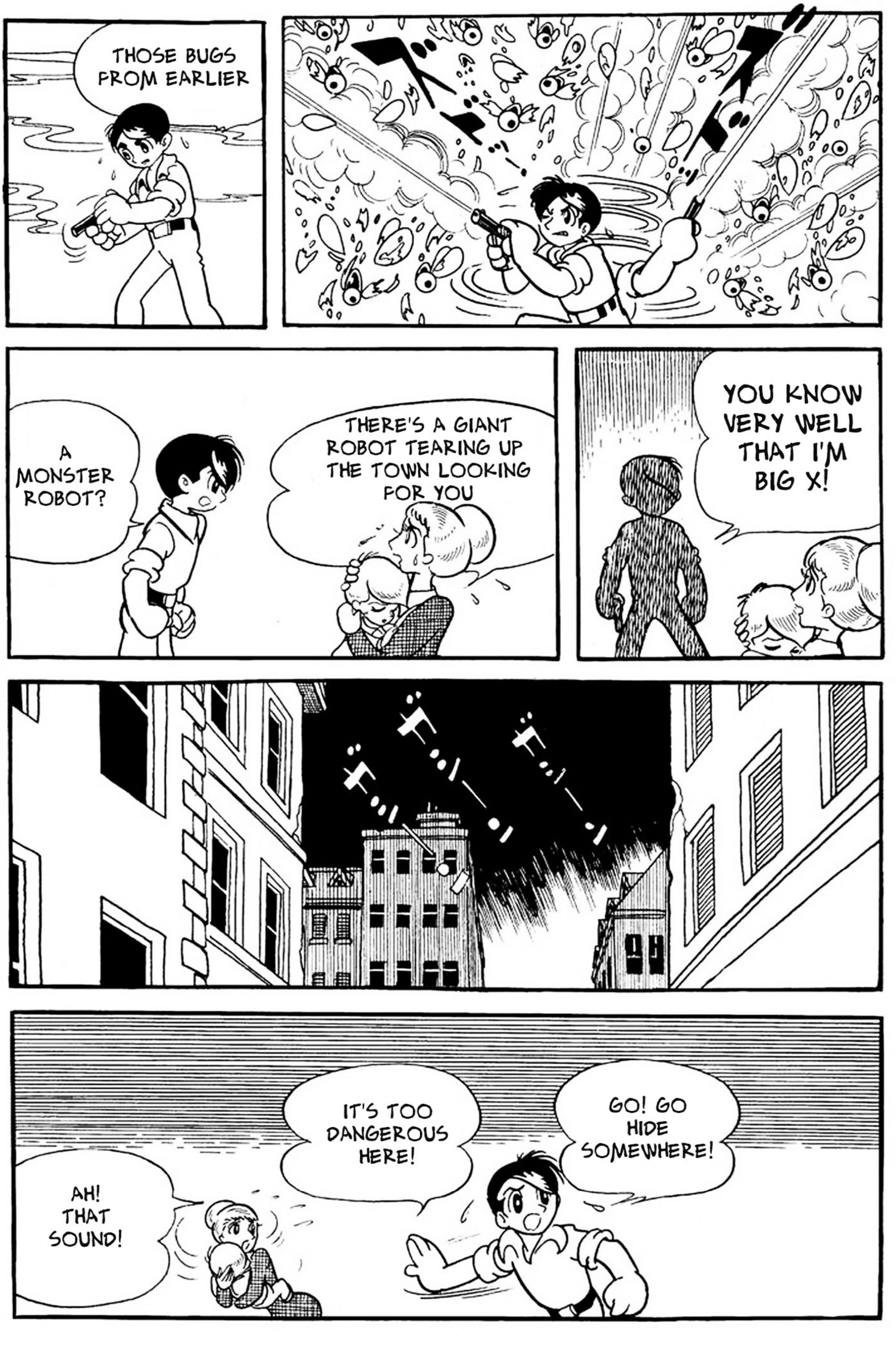

MOMMY!
MOMMY!
GADOOH
HELP!
K-KIDS!
CHICHICHI
CHICHICHI

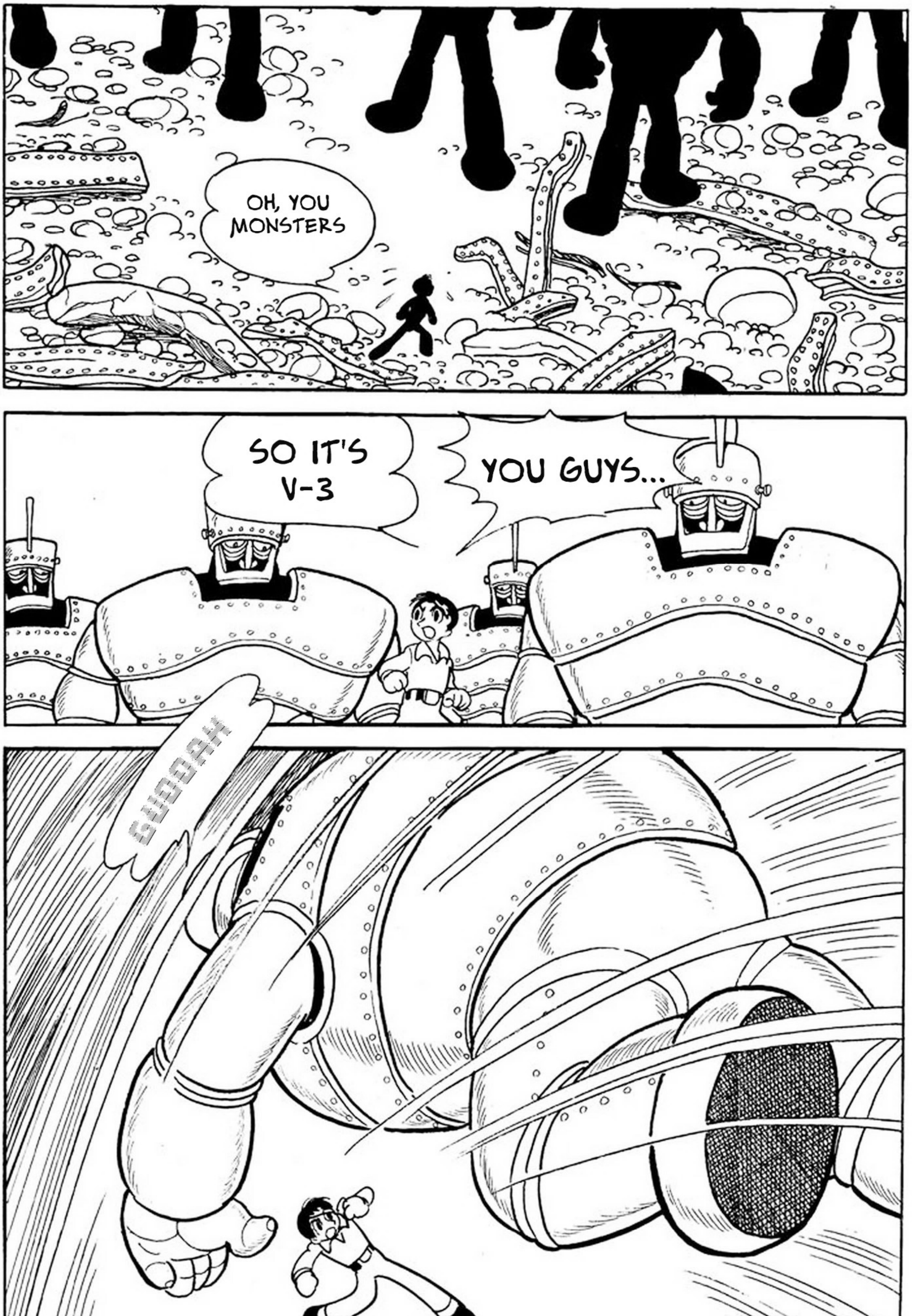

WHAT WAS IT?
DAMN
I DON'T KNOW
I SAW IT STARING AT YOU AND IT WAS CREEPY
SOME TYPE OF CAMERA
SOME-THING WEIRD IS GOING ON.
THE NAZI ALLIANCE MIGHT BE UP TO SOMETHING AGAIN.
HIDE OUT HERE. I'M GOING TO SNOOP AROUND IN TOWN
I'M AFRAID OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING

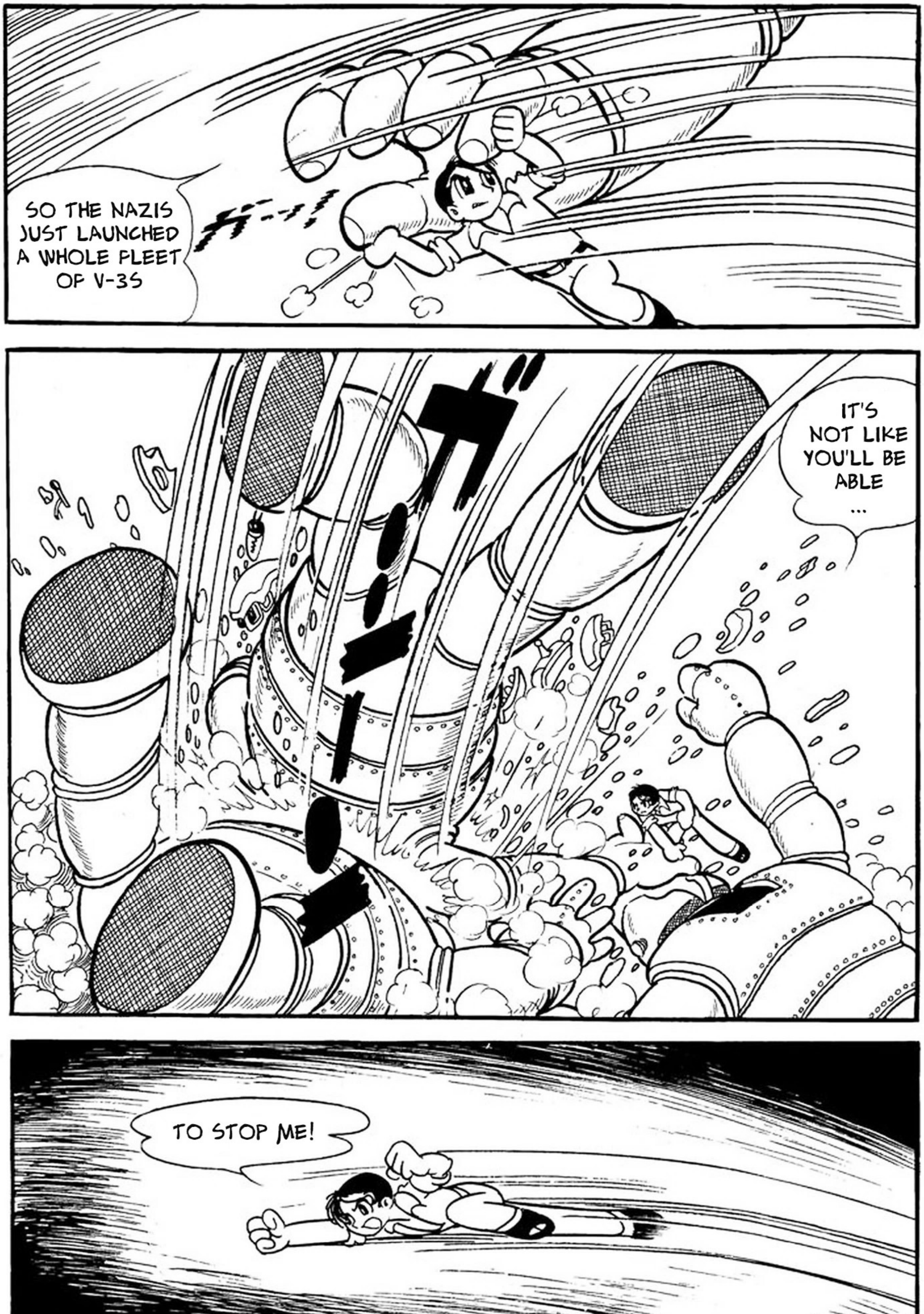

HELP ME! MY CHILDREN!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE THEY?
UNDER THAT IRON PILLAR?
IF I LEAVE THEM THERE THEY WILL DIE!
COME QUICKLY
HERE'S ONE... UNDER HERE
WAH! WAH!
WE'D NEED A CRANE TO LIFT IT
BY THE TIME A CRANE ARRIVES THIS CHILD WILL BE CRUSHED TO DEATH
DEAR GOD... PLEASE... SAVE HIM!

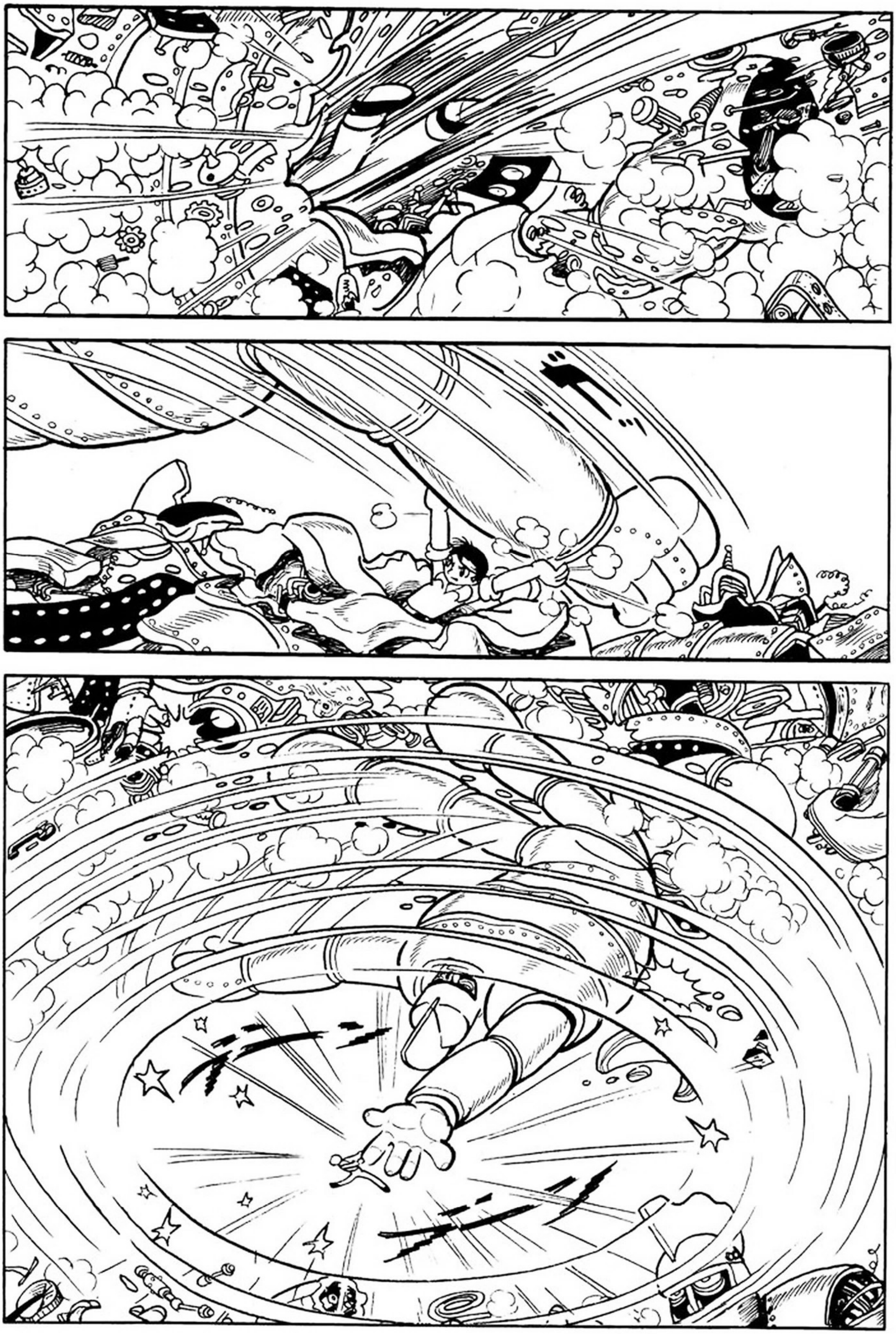

NOTCH #2
WHAT? HOW CAN YOU?
MAAM, I THINK I CAN HELP YOU
I'LL GET UNDER THIS...
EEERR
YOU...


NOW PULL HIM OUT!
MY BOY!
OH MY BABY! MY BABY!
YIKES
UM... YOU.. ARE YOU.. BIG X?

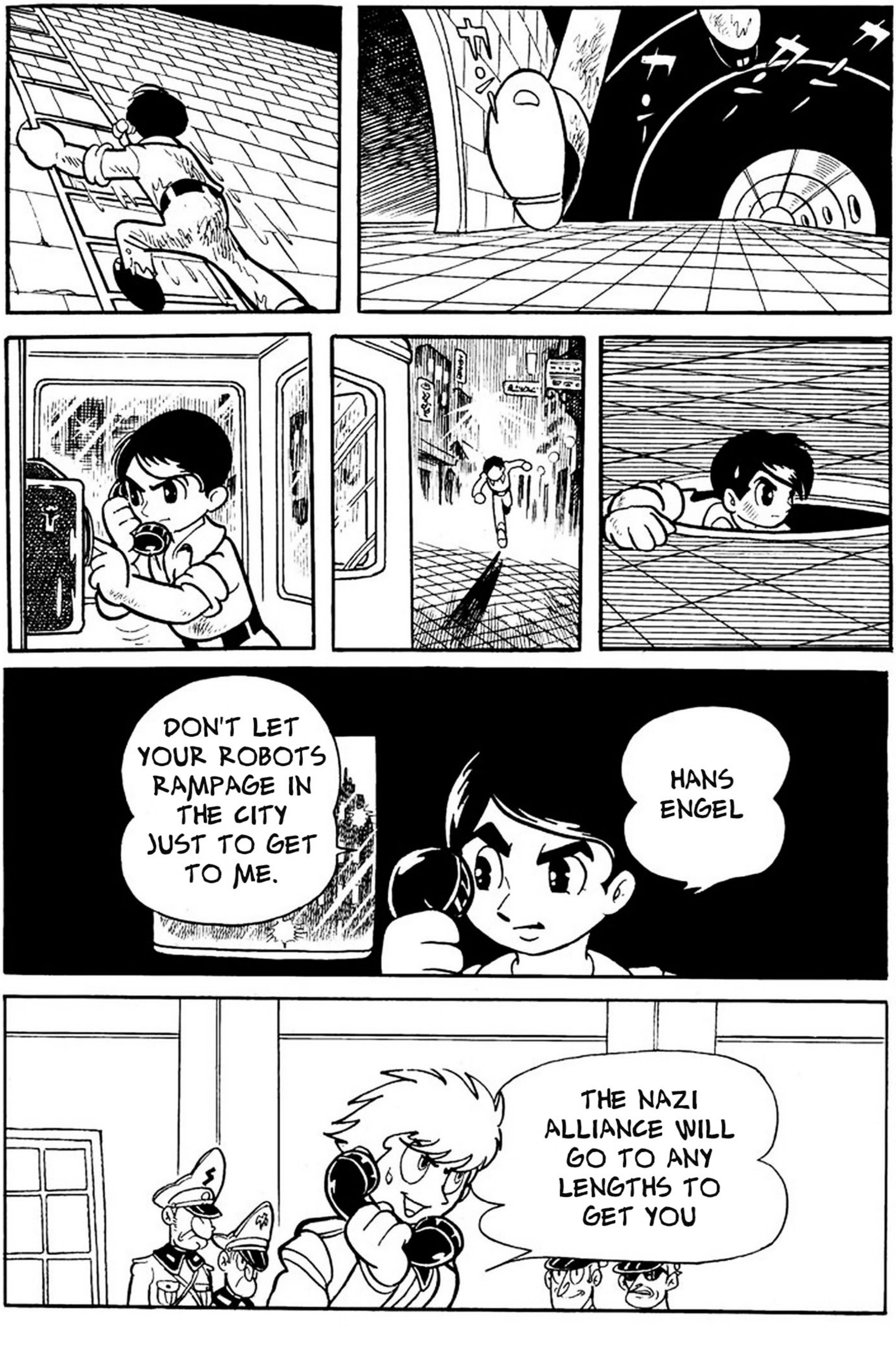

THOSE BUGS FROM EARLIER
A MONSTER ROBOT?
THERE'S A GIANT ROBOT TEARING UP THE TOWN LOOKING FOR YOU
YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT I'M BIG X!
AH! THAT SOUND!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS HERE!
GO! GO HIDE SOMEWHERE!


OH, YOU MONSTERS
SO IT'S V-3
YOU GUYS...
GUOOAH


SO THE NAZIS JUST LAUNCHED A WHOLE FLEET OF V-3S
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE ...
TO STOP ME!



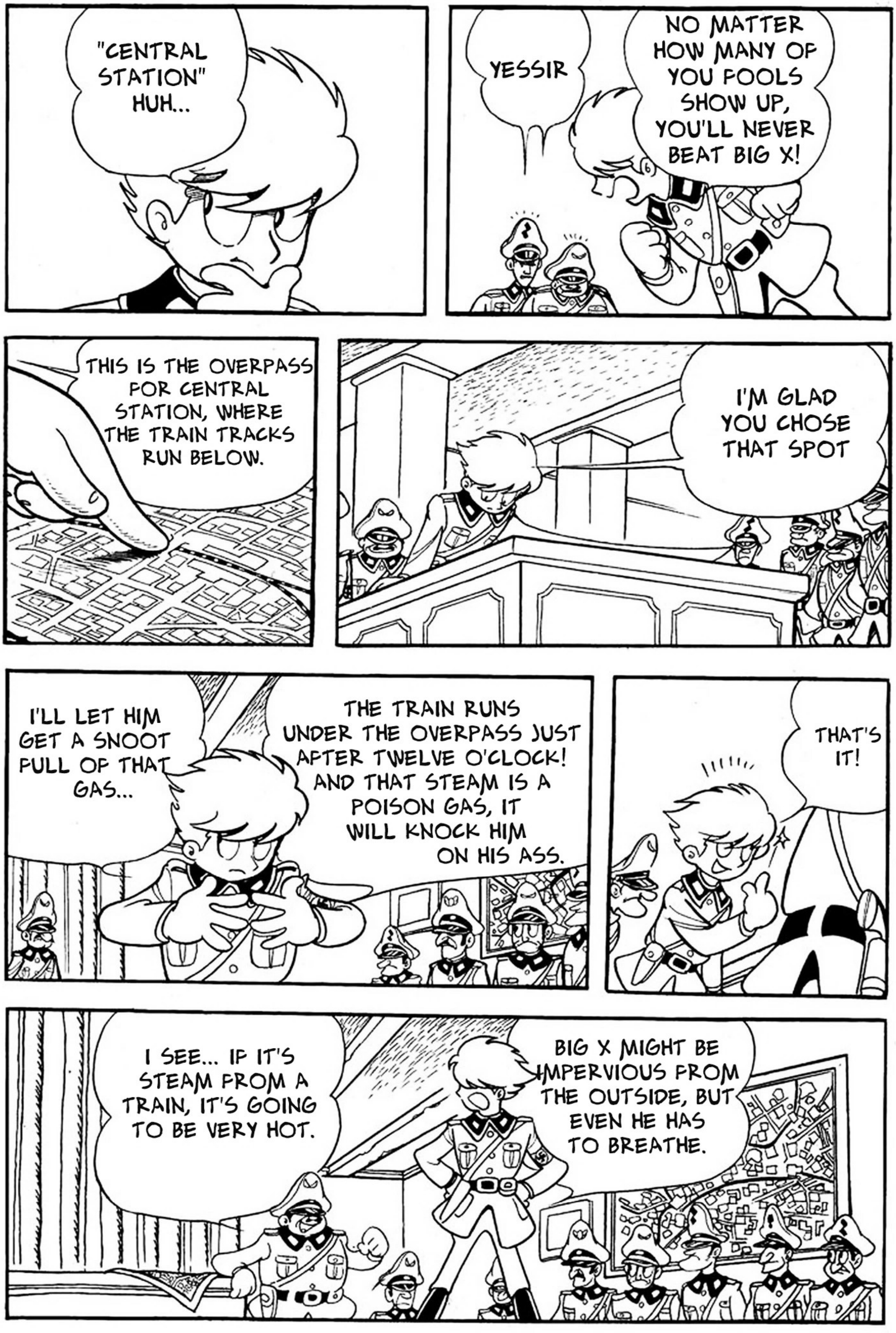

I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT MY WAY OUT OF THIS ONE.
OH MAN, HERE COMES MORE
TIME TO RETREAT FOR NOW


HANS ENGEL
DON'T LET YOUR ROBOTS RAMPAGE IN THE CITY JUST TO GET TO ME.
THE NAZI ALLIANCE WILL GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO GET YOU

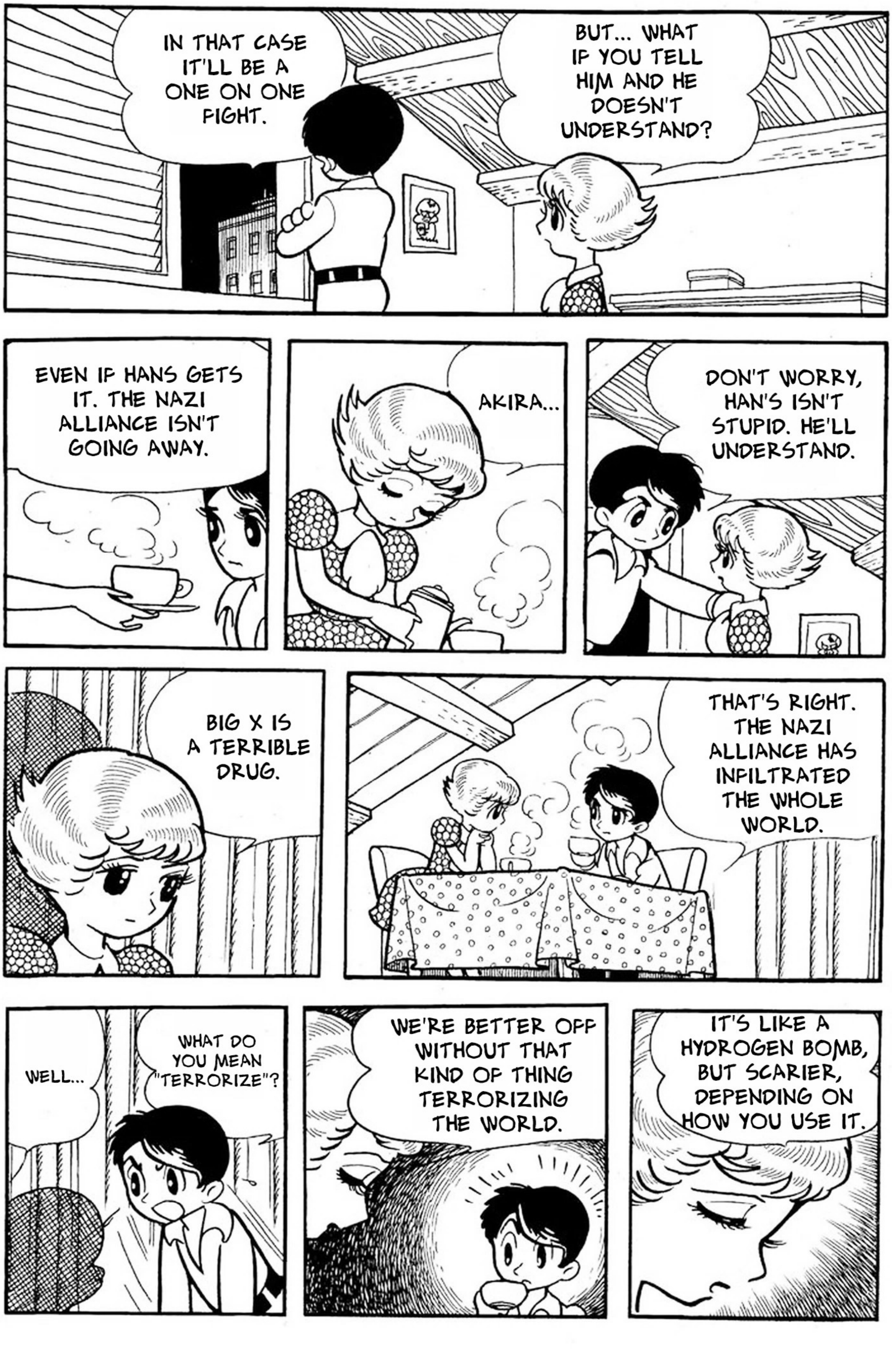

keep him on the line. we'll trace the call!
LISTEN CAREFULLY HANS...
IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO HURT ANY-MORE PEOPLE I'LL MEET WITH YOU
JUST YOU AND ME, ONE ON ONE
I'M ON MY WAY. YOU SHOULD BE ALONE.

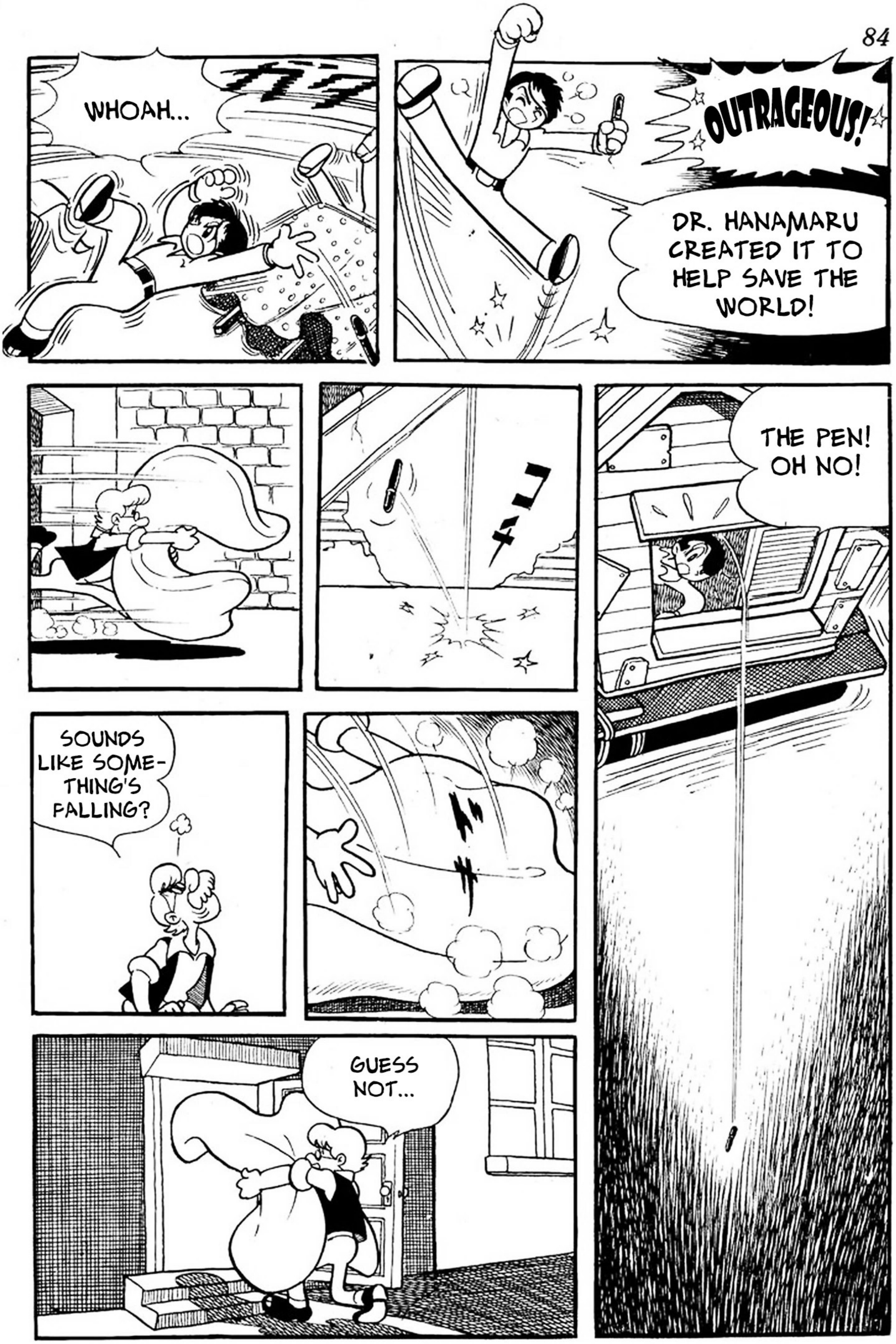

PROMISE ME NO ONE ELSE WILL SHOW UP
OK, OK... WHERE DO YOU WANT TO MEET?
THE OVERPASS OF CENTRAL STATION AT 10 O'CLOCK TOMORROW
WHA?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEEPS PROMISES... NOT ME!
FIRE!

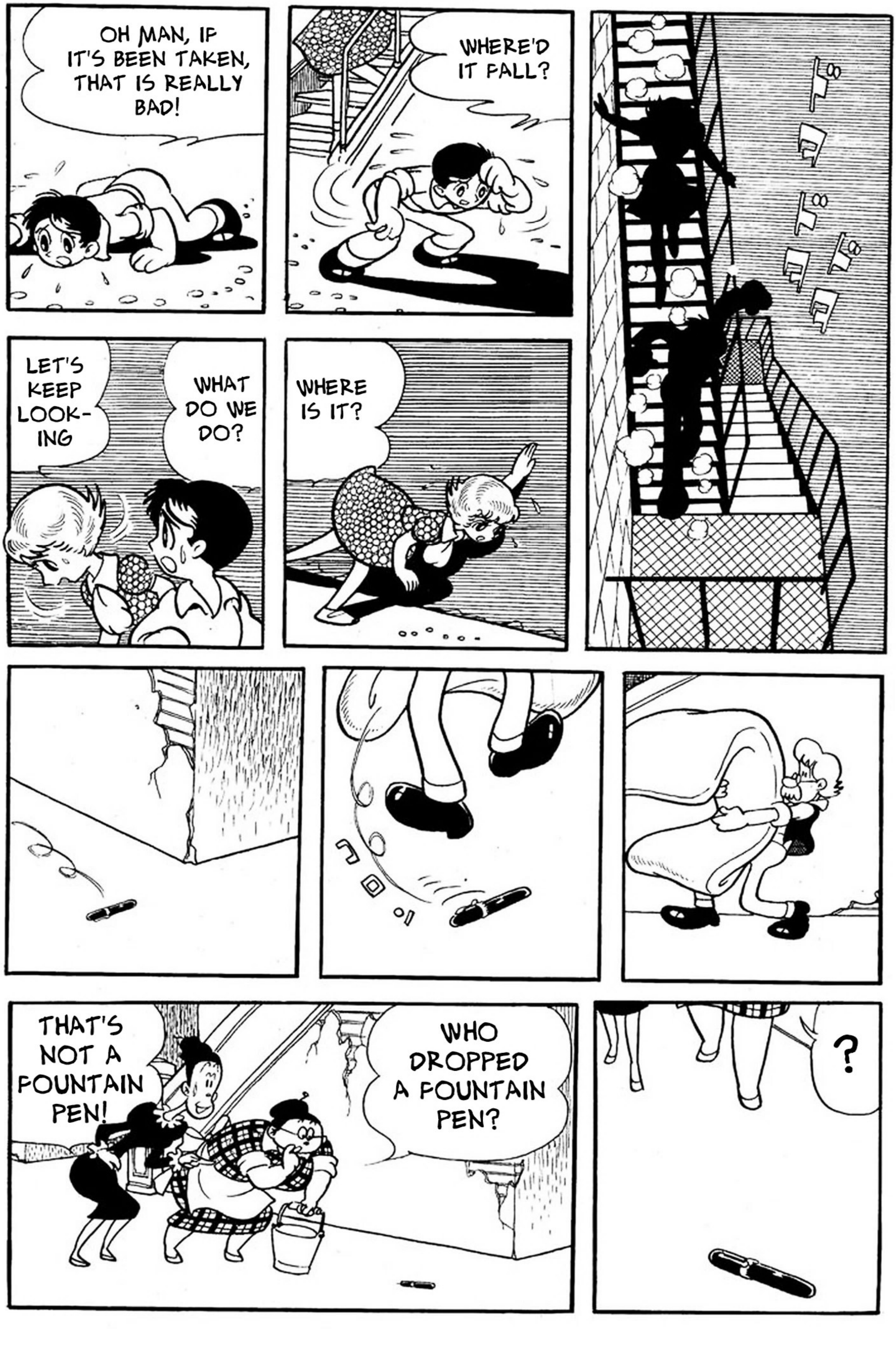

DAMMIT
WHAT'S UNDER HERE?
AN UNDER-GROUND SHOPPING MALL?!?
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ONE STEP AHEAD OF US HE MADE A HOLE TO ESCAPE
HAVE THE REMAINING V-3S PULL OUT OF TOWN
... AND THAT'S WHY ...
YOU LET HIM GET AWAY? YOU ARE A BUNCH OF BUFOONS!
FER CRYIN OUT LOUD
I MADE A PROMISE TO MEET HIM. A PROMISE IS A PROMISE... I'LL KEEP MY WORD.
BUT SIR!
I'LL MAKE ARRANGE-MENTS FOR TO-MORROW
IDIOTS


"CENTRAL STATION" HUH...
NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU FOOLS SHOW UP, YOU'LL NEVER BEAT BIG X!
YESSIR
THIS IS THE OVERPASS FOR CENTRAL STATION, WHERE THE TRAIN TRACKS RUN BELOW.
I'M GLAD YOU CHOSE THAT SPOT
I'LL LET HIM GET A SNOOT FULL OF THAT GAS...
THE TRAIN RUNS UNDER THE OVERPASS JUST AFTER TWELVE O'CLOCK! AND THAT STEAM IS A POISON GAS, IT WILL KNOCK HIM ON HIS ASS.
THAT'S IT!
BIG X MIGHT BE IMPERVIOUS FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT EVEN HE HAS TO BREATHE.
I SEE... IF IT'S STEAM FROM A TRAIN, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY HOT.

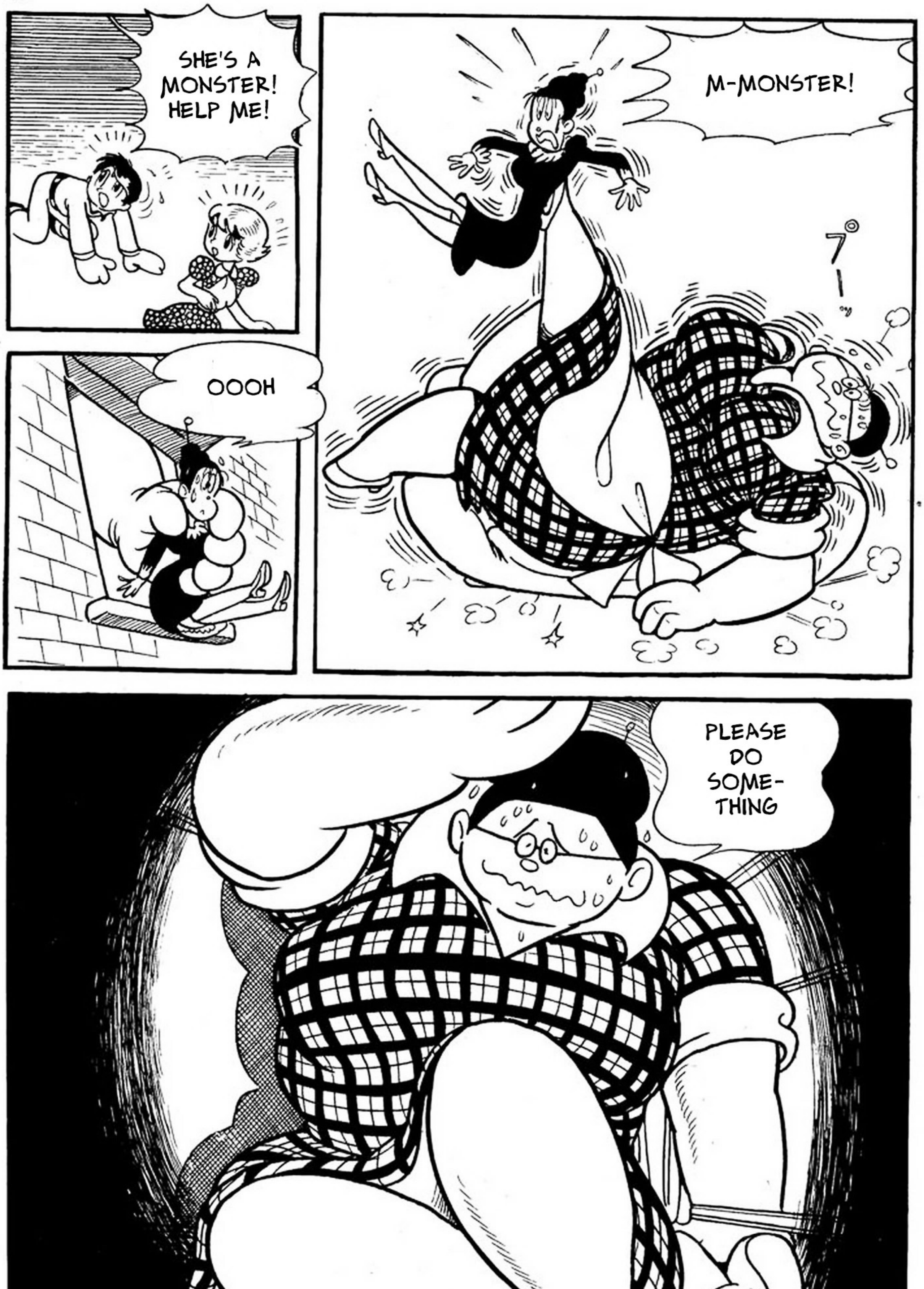

...SO TOMORROW I'M GOING TO FACE HANS ENGEL.
RIGHT!
WHEN THE TRAIN WHISTLE BLOWS, IT'LL BE THE SIGN TO PUT ON GAS MASKS AND THEN WE'LL SHOOT HIM DOWN.
HANS WON'T BE WITH THE NAZI ALLIANCE
WILL YOU BE OKAY?
I THINK HE JUST JOINED THE NAZI ALLIANCE SO HE COULD GET AHOLD OF BIG X.
WE NEED TO TALK TO HIM AND EXPLAIN THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION
HANS THINKS DR. ASAGUMO STOLE BIG X FROM HIS GRANDFATHER.

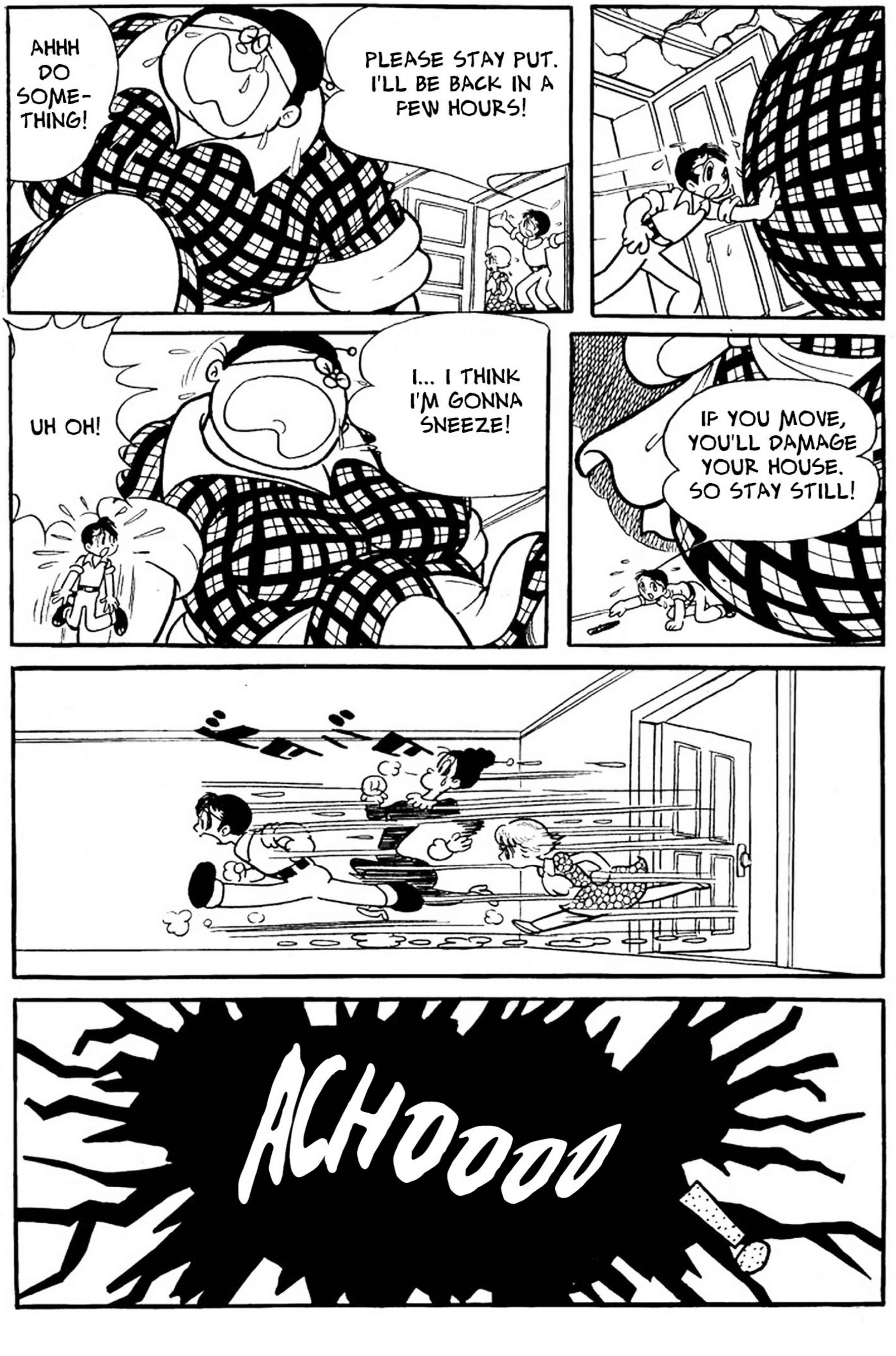

IN THAT CASE IT'LL BE A ONE ON ONE FIGHT.
BUT... WHAT IF YOU TELL HIM AND HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND?
EVEN IF HANS GETS IT. THE NAZI ALLIANCE ISN'T GOING AWAY.
AKIRA...
DON'T WORRY, HAN'S ISN'T STUPID. HE'LL UNDERSTAND.
BIG X IS A TERRIBLE DRUG.
THAT'S RIGHT. THE NAZI ALLIANCE HAS INFILTRATED THE WHOLE WORLD.
WELL...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "TERRORIZE"?
WE'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THAT KIND OF THING TERRORIZING THE WORLD.
IT'S LIKE A HYDROGEN BOMB, BUT SCARIER, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU USE IT.

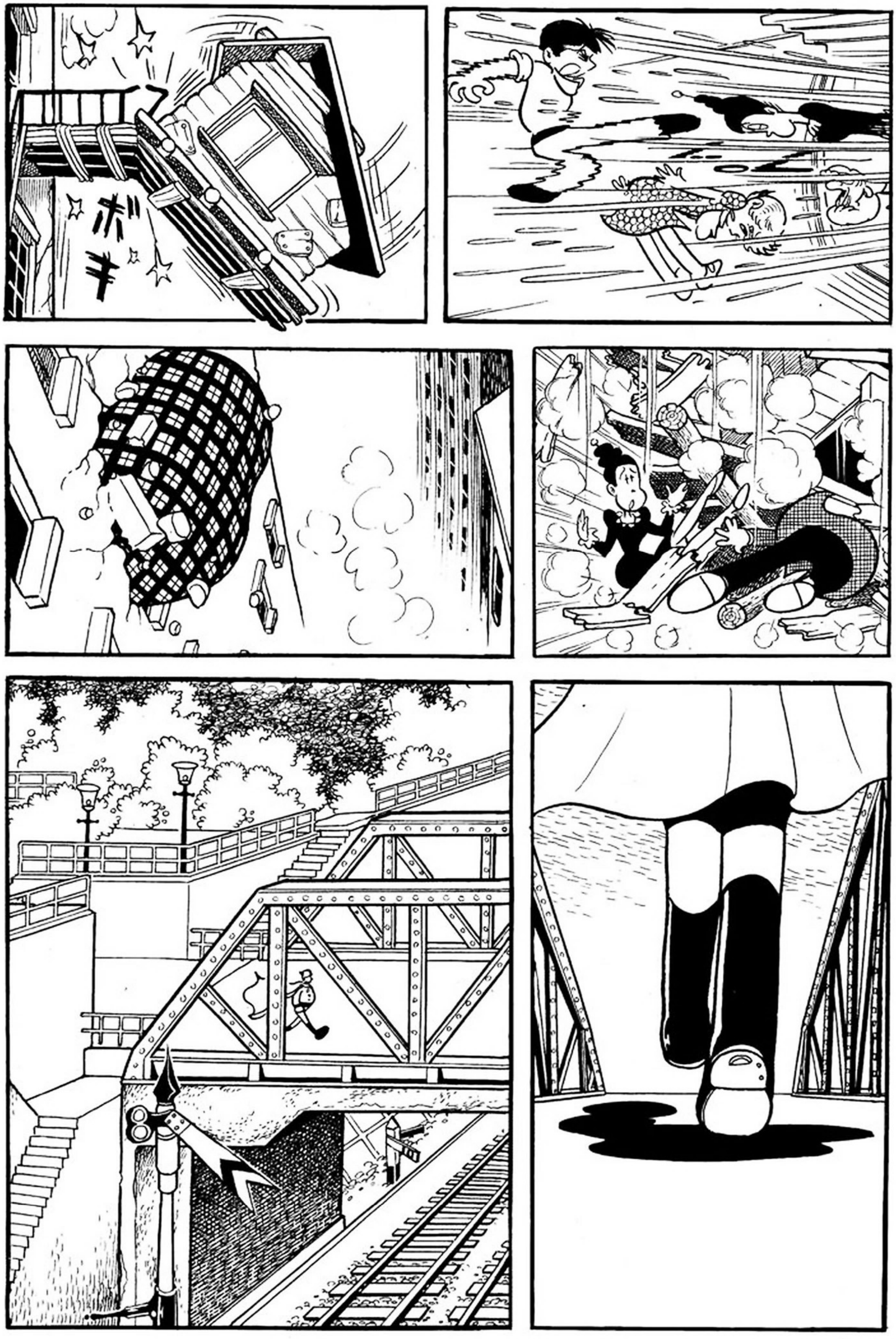

WHOAH...
OUTRAGEOUS!
DR. HANAMARU CREATED IT TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD!
THE PEN! OH NO!
SOUNDS LIKE SOME-THING'S FALLING?
GUESS NOT...


OH MAN, IF IT'S BEEN TAKEN, THAT IS REALLY BAD!
WHERE'D IT FALL?
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WHAT DO WE DO?
LET'S KEEP LOOK-ING
WHERE IS IT?
WHO DROPPED A FOUNTAIN PEN?
THAT'S NOT A FOUNTAIN PEN!
?


OUCH!
IT LOOKS LIKE A SYRINGE
THERE'S A NEEDLE. WHAT'S IT DO?
REALLY? OH YEAH, LOOK THERE'S NO NIB.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
WA... WHAT'S.. WHAT'S GOING ON? I FEEL DIZZY
MY FINGER TIP
THIS IS BAD! STAY WITH ME! OH MY GOD!
OOOH
OOF... YOU NEED TO LOSE A COUPLE OF POUNDS
WHY DON'T YOU GO TAKE A NAP?
GOODNESS! HAVE YOU BEEN EATING BAKING POWDER?
?

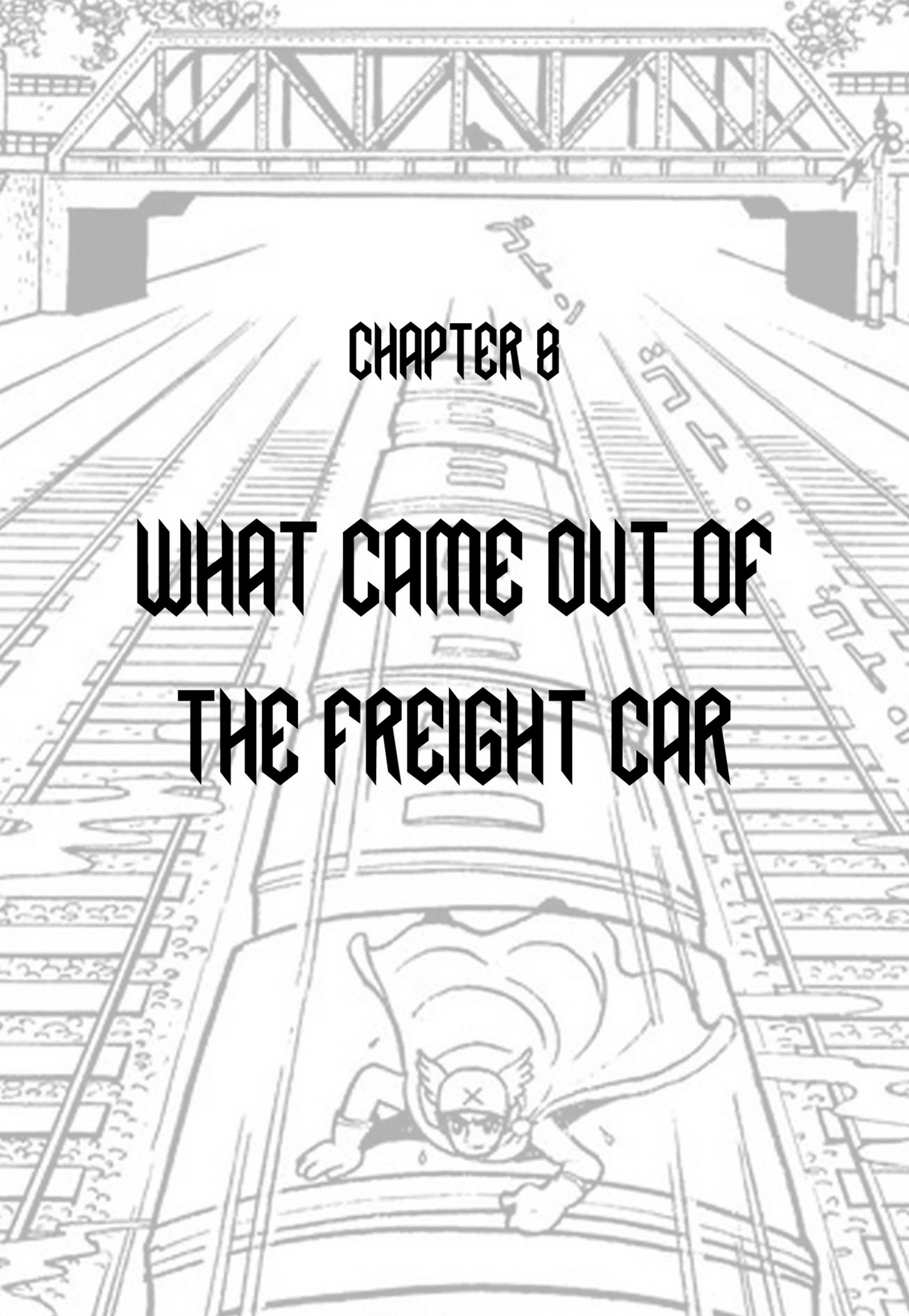

M-MONSTER!
SHE'S A MONSTER! HELP ME!
OOOH
PLEASE DO SOME-THING

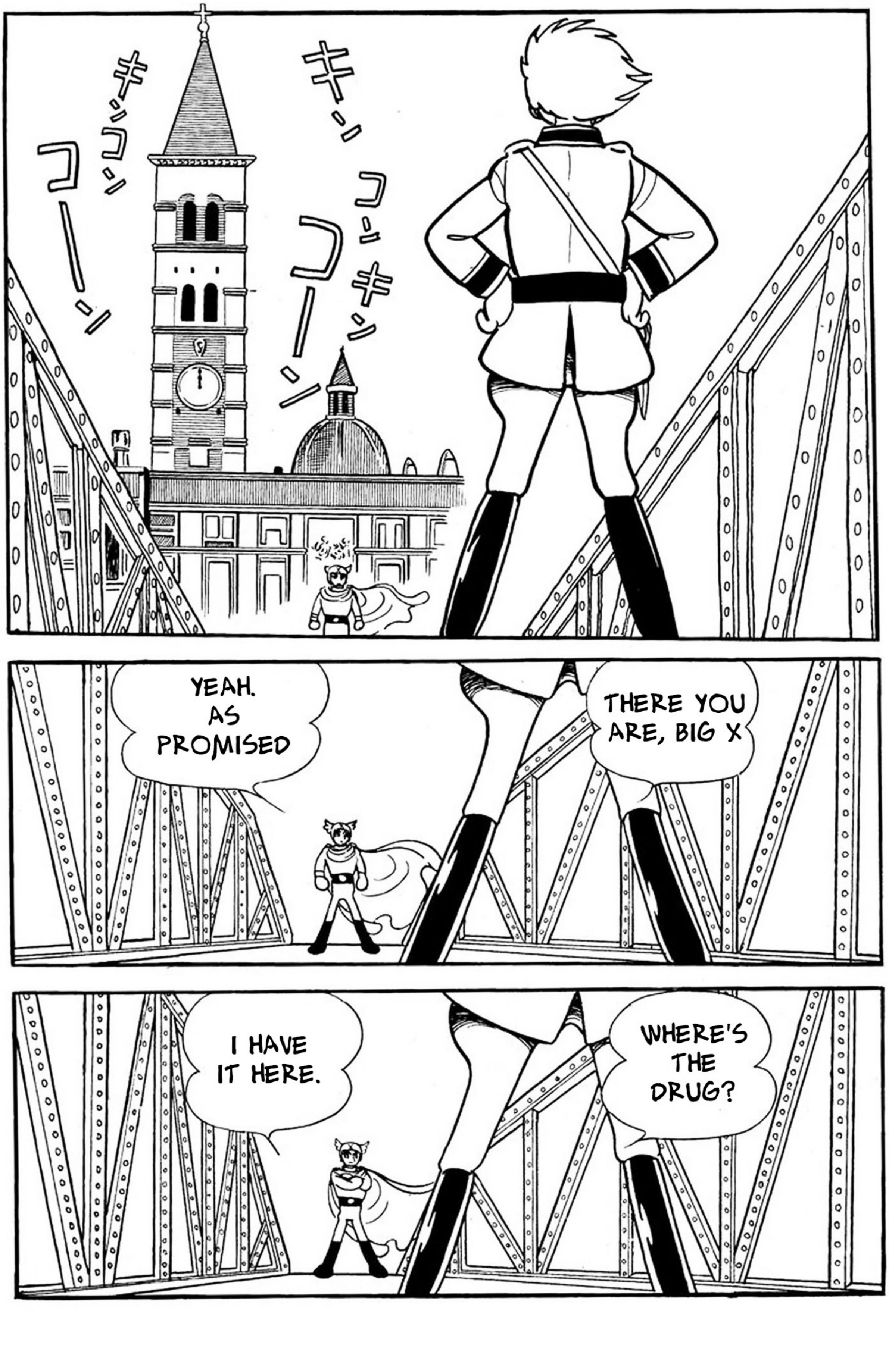

AHHH DO SOME-THING!
PLEASE STAY PUT. I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS!
UH OH!
I... I THINK I'M GONNA SNEEZE!
IF YOU MOVE, YOU'LL DAMAGE YOUR HOUSE. SO STAY STILL!
ACHOOOO

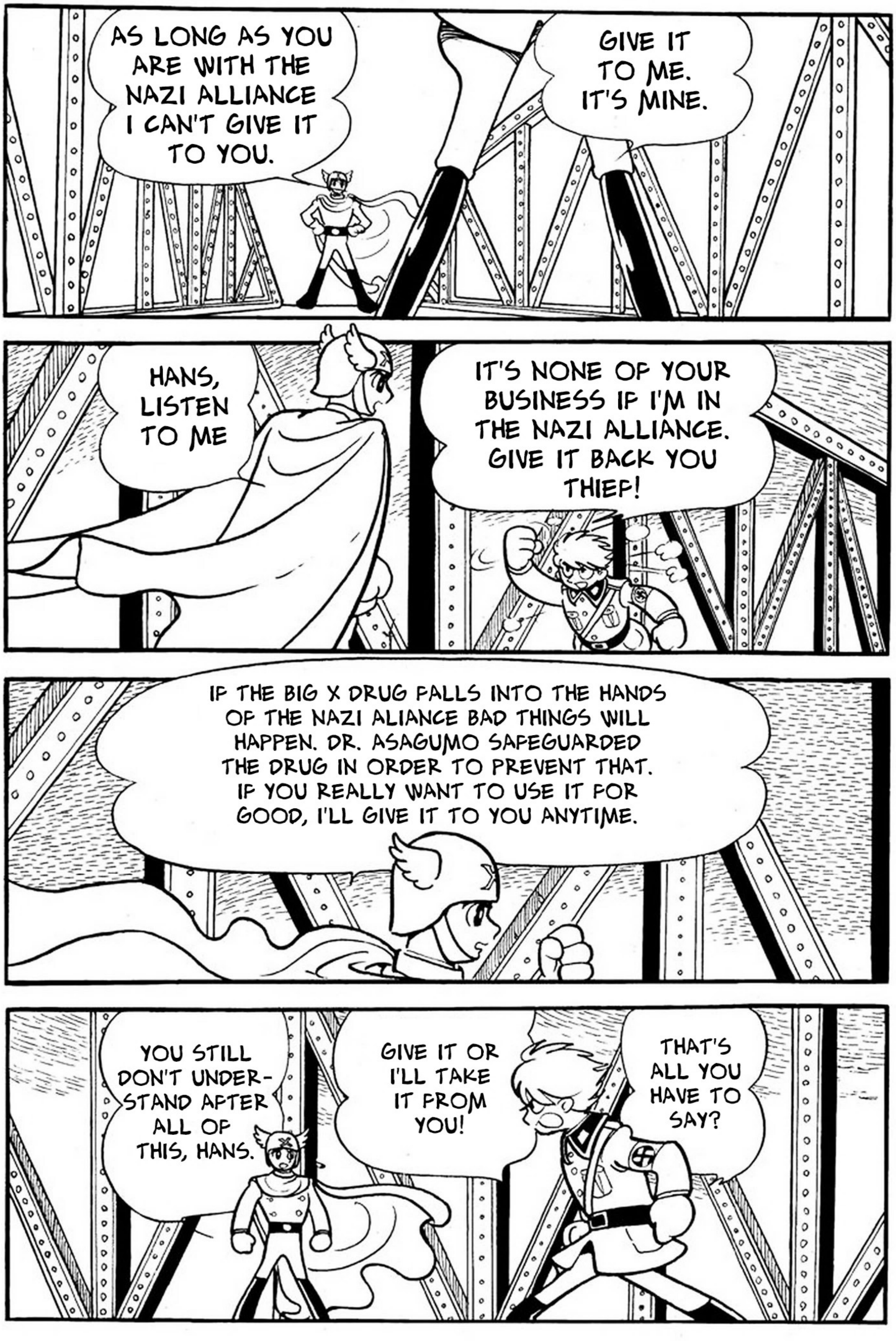

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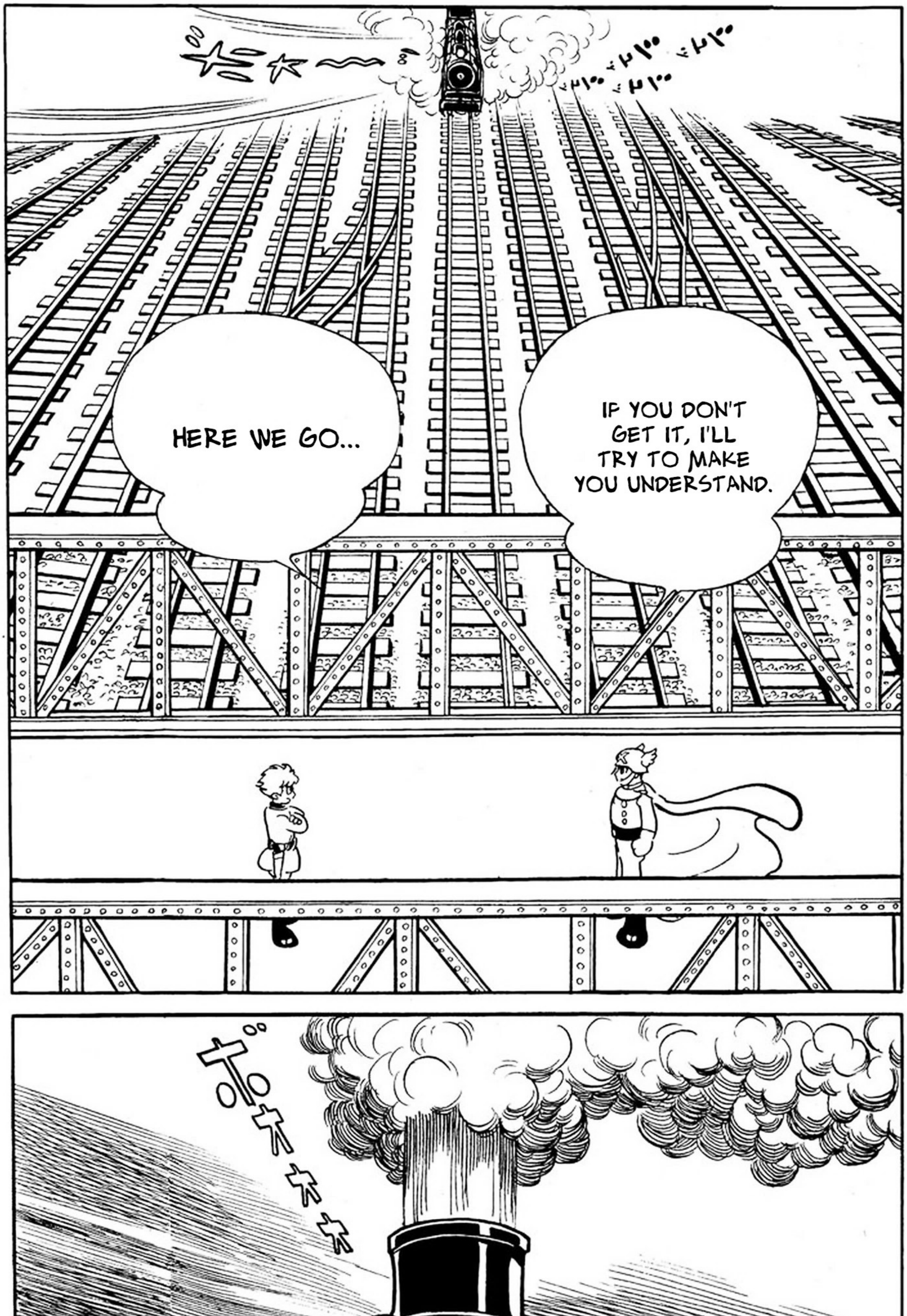
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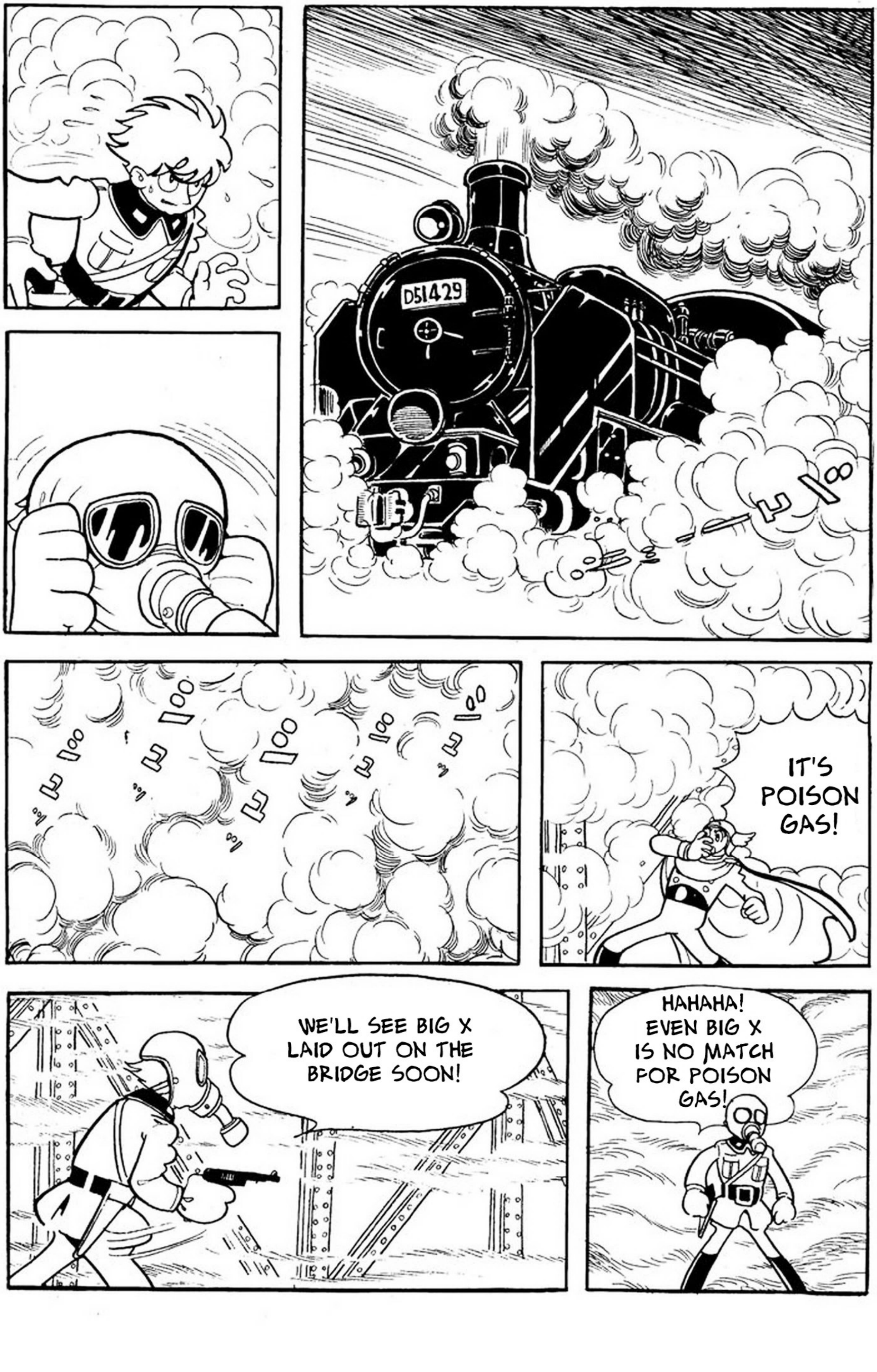
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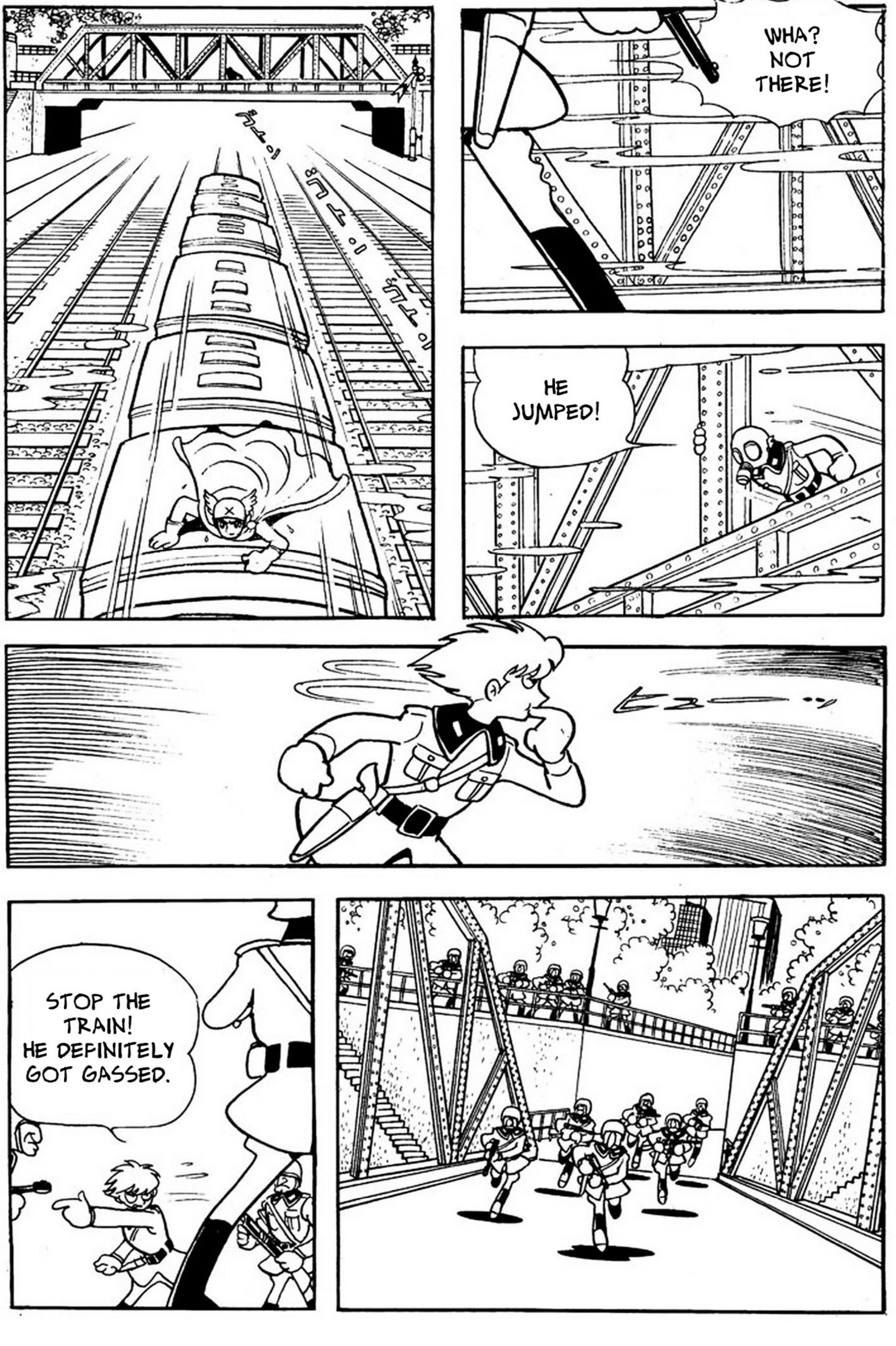


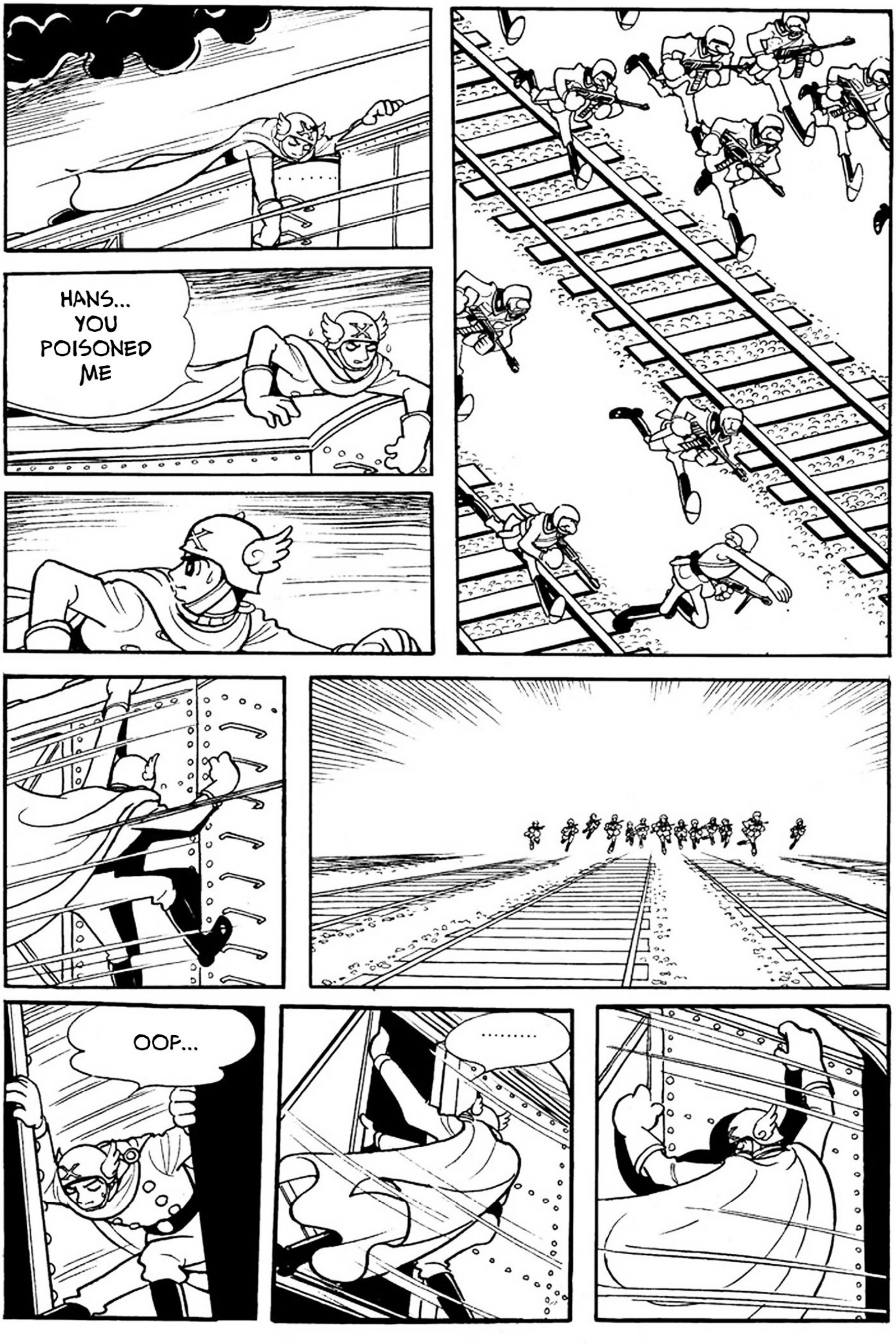

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THERE YOU ARE, BIG X
YEAH. AS PROMISED
WHERE'S THE DRUG?
I HAVE IT HERE.

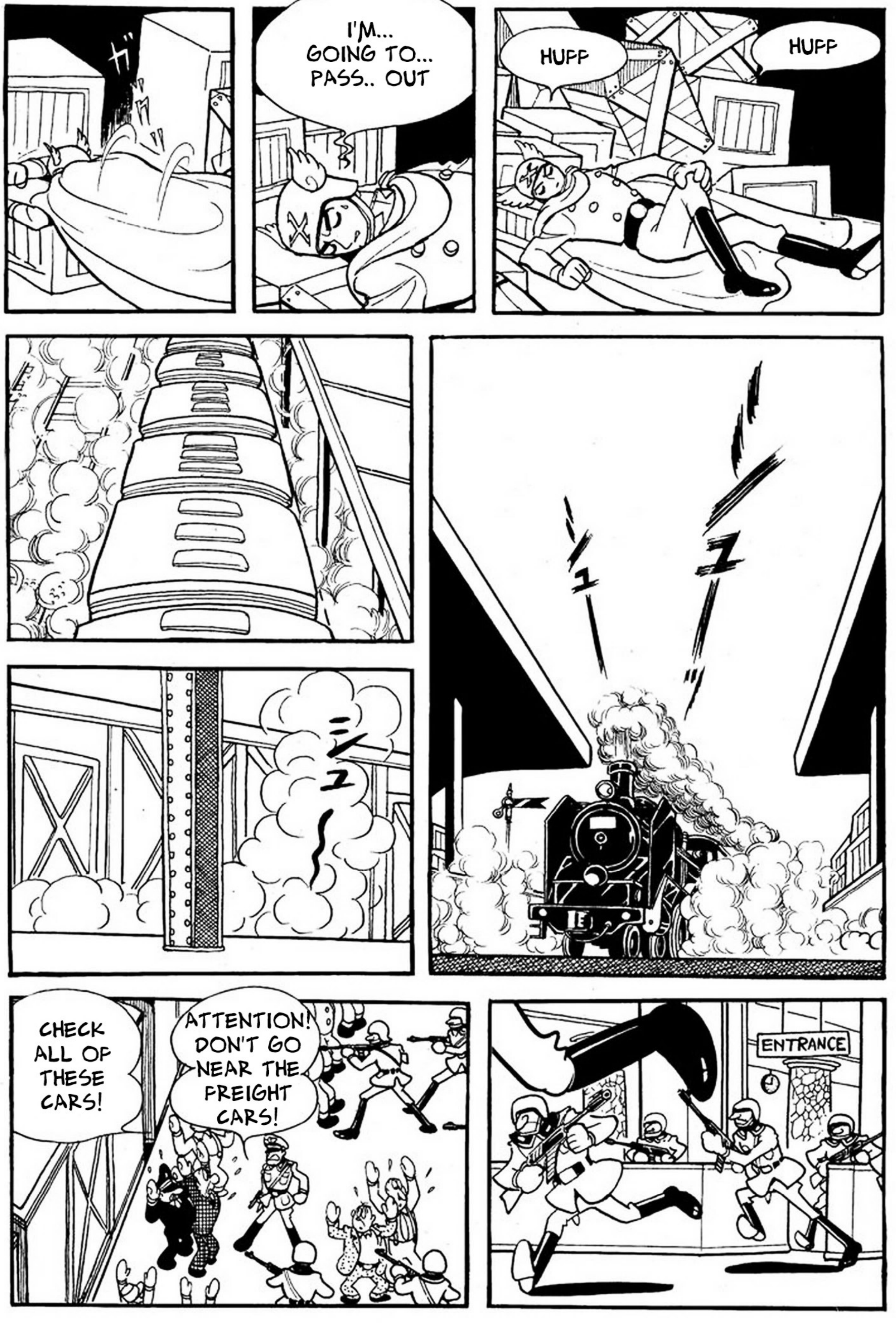

AS LONG AS YOU ARE WITH THE NAZI ALLIANCE I CAN'T GIVE IT TO YOU.
GIVE IT TO ME. IT'S MINE.
HANS, LISTEN TO ME
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS IF I'M IN THE NAZI ALLIANCE. GIVE IT BACK YOU THIEF!
IF THE BIG X DRUG FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF THE NAZI ALIANCE BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN. DR. ASAGUMO SAFEGUARDED THE DRUG IN ORDER TO PREVENT THAT. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO USE IT FOR GOOD, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU ANYTIME.
YOU STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND AFTER ALL OF THIS, HANS.
GIVE IT OR I'LL TAKE IT FROM YOU!
THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

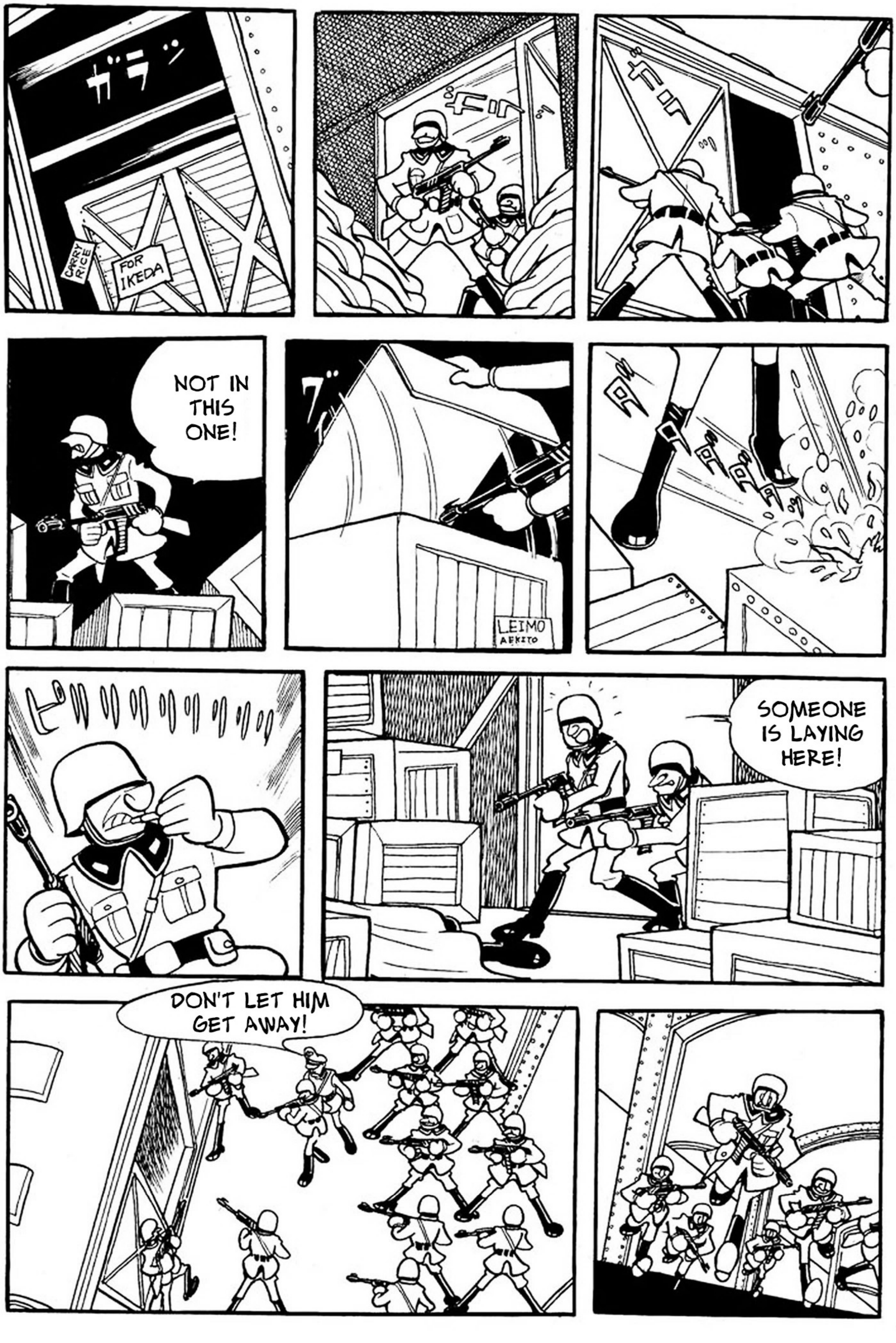

IF YOU DON'T GET IT, I'LL TRY TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND.
HERE WE GO...

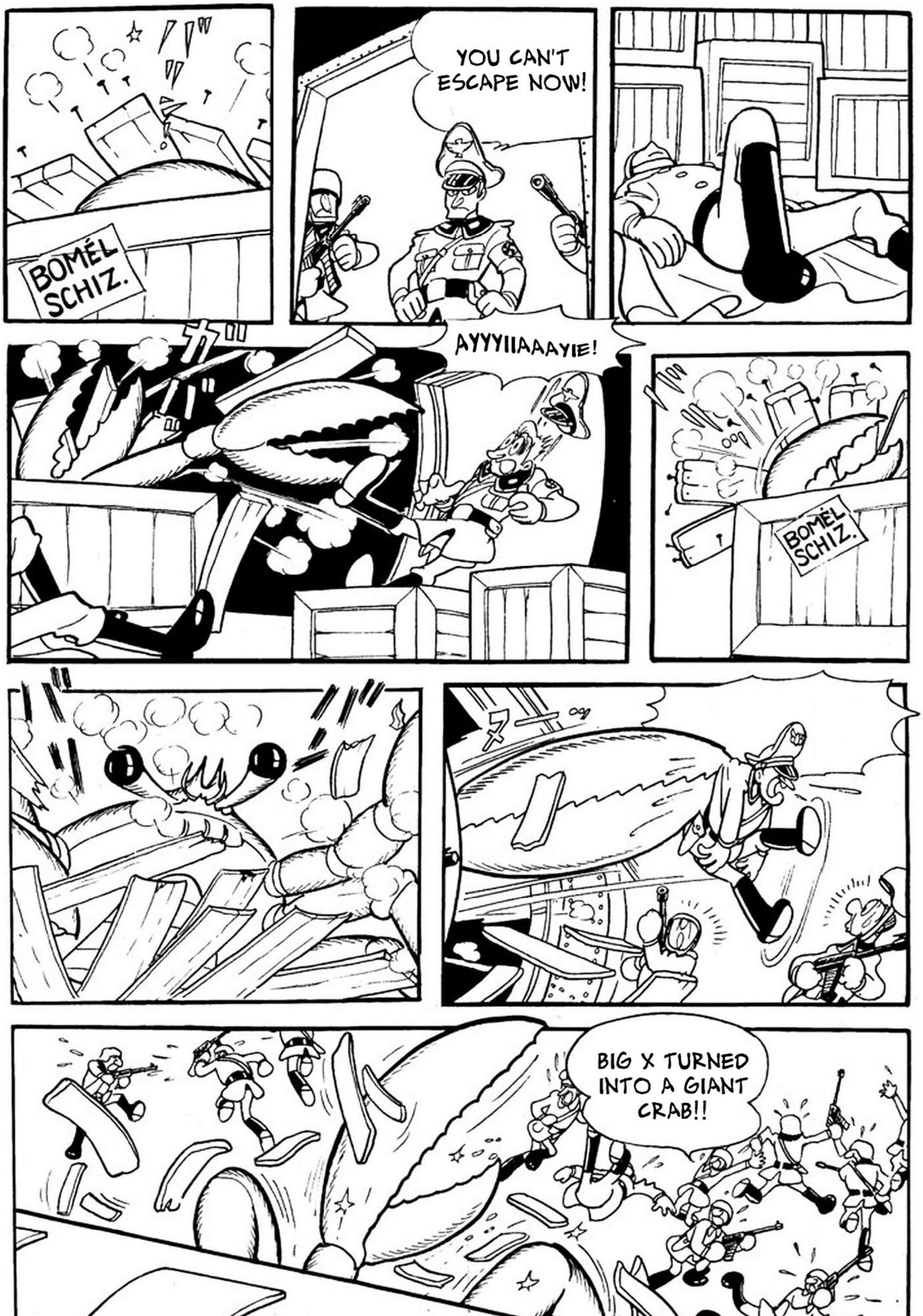

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IT'S POISON GAS!
WE'LL SEE BIG X LAID OUT ON THE BRIDGE SOON!
HAHAHA! EVEN BIG X IS NO MATCH FOR POISON GAS!

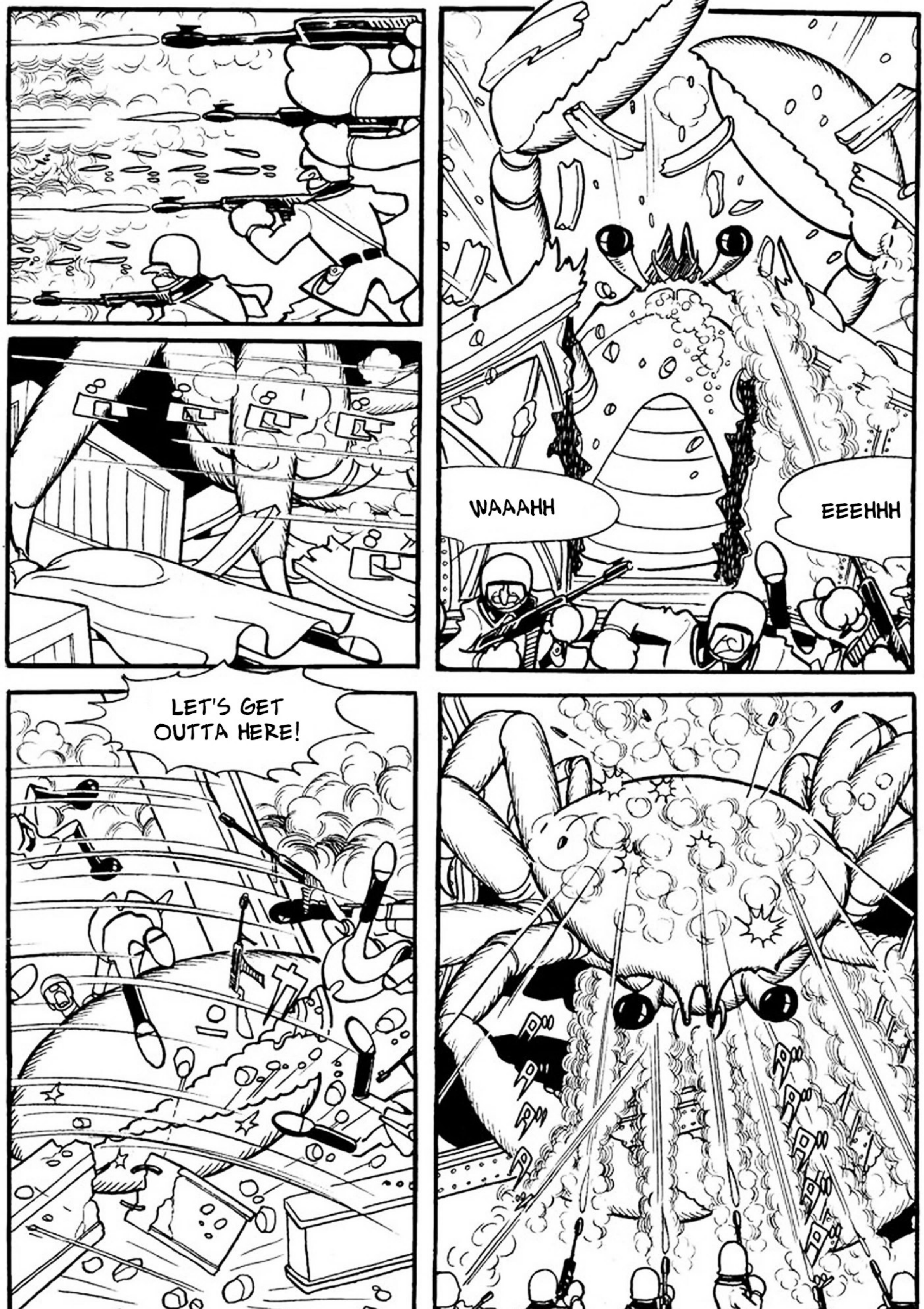

WHA? NOT THERE!
HE JUMPED!
STOP THE TRAIN! HE DEFINITELY GOT GASSED.

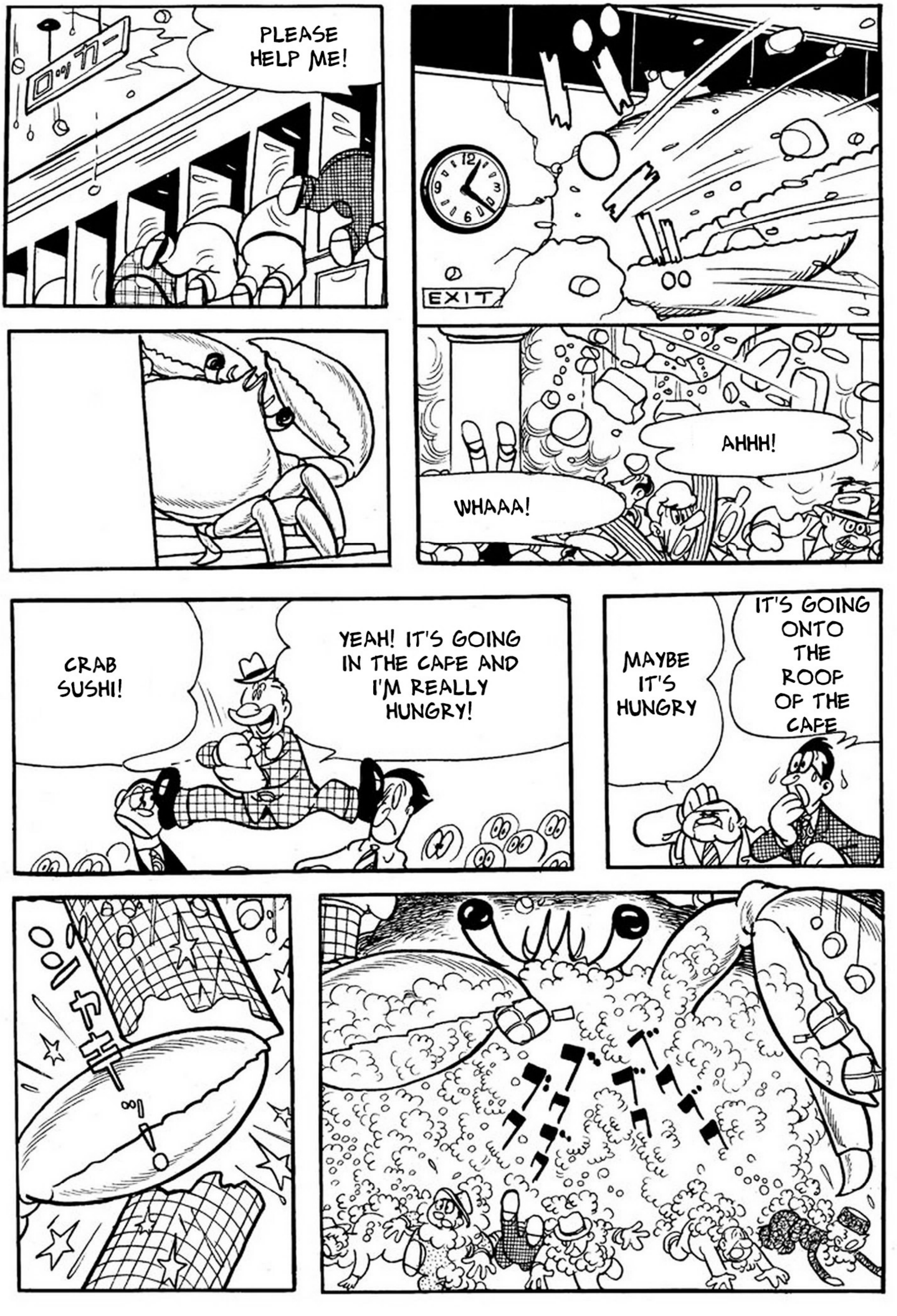

HANS... YOU POISONED ME
OOF...
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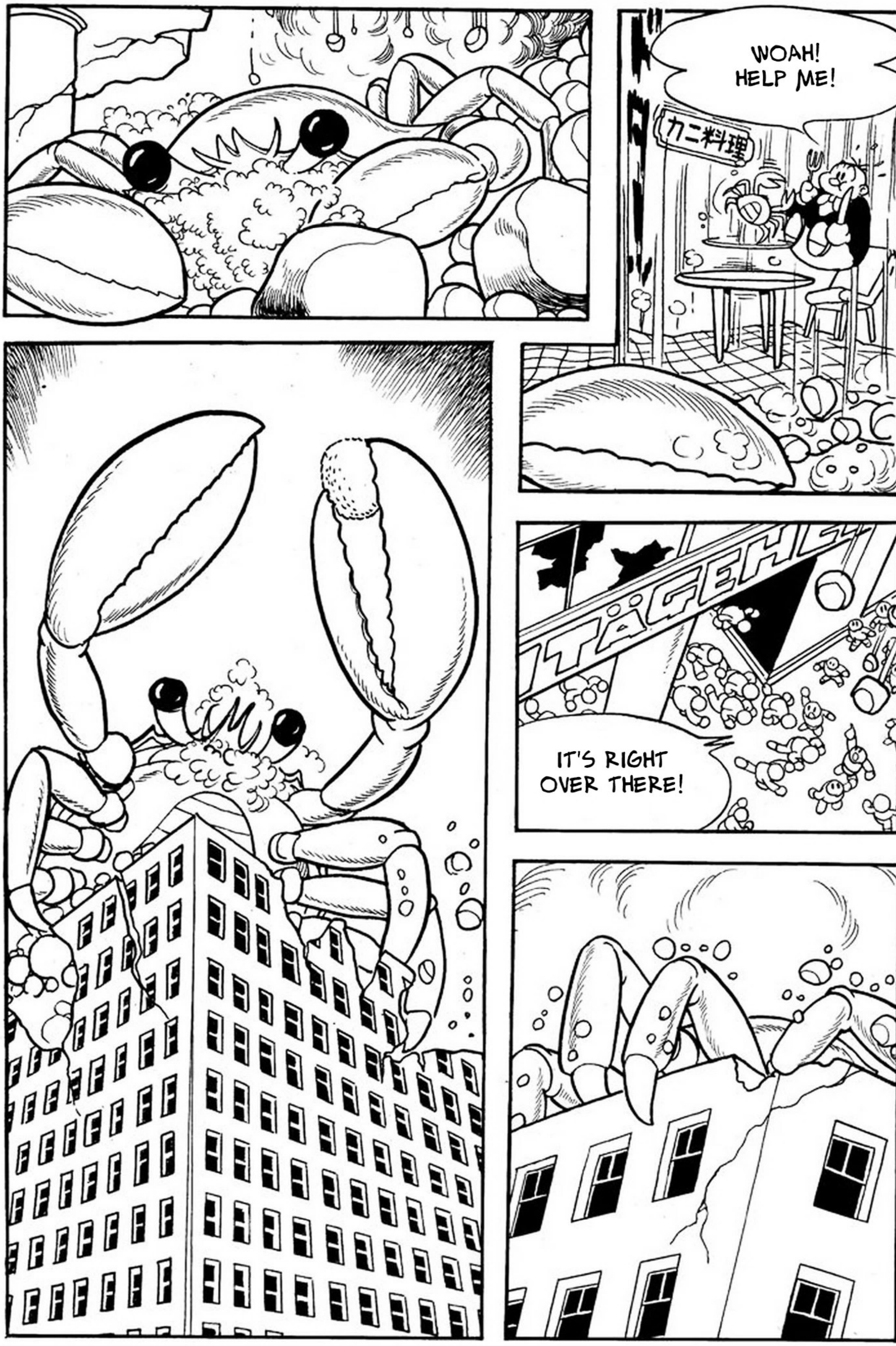

I'M... GOING TO... PASS.. OUT
HUFF
HUFF
CHECK ALL OF THESE CARS!
ATTENTION! DON'T GO NEAR THE FREIGHT CARS!
ENTRANCE

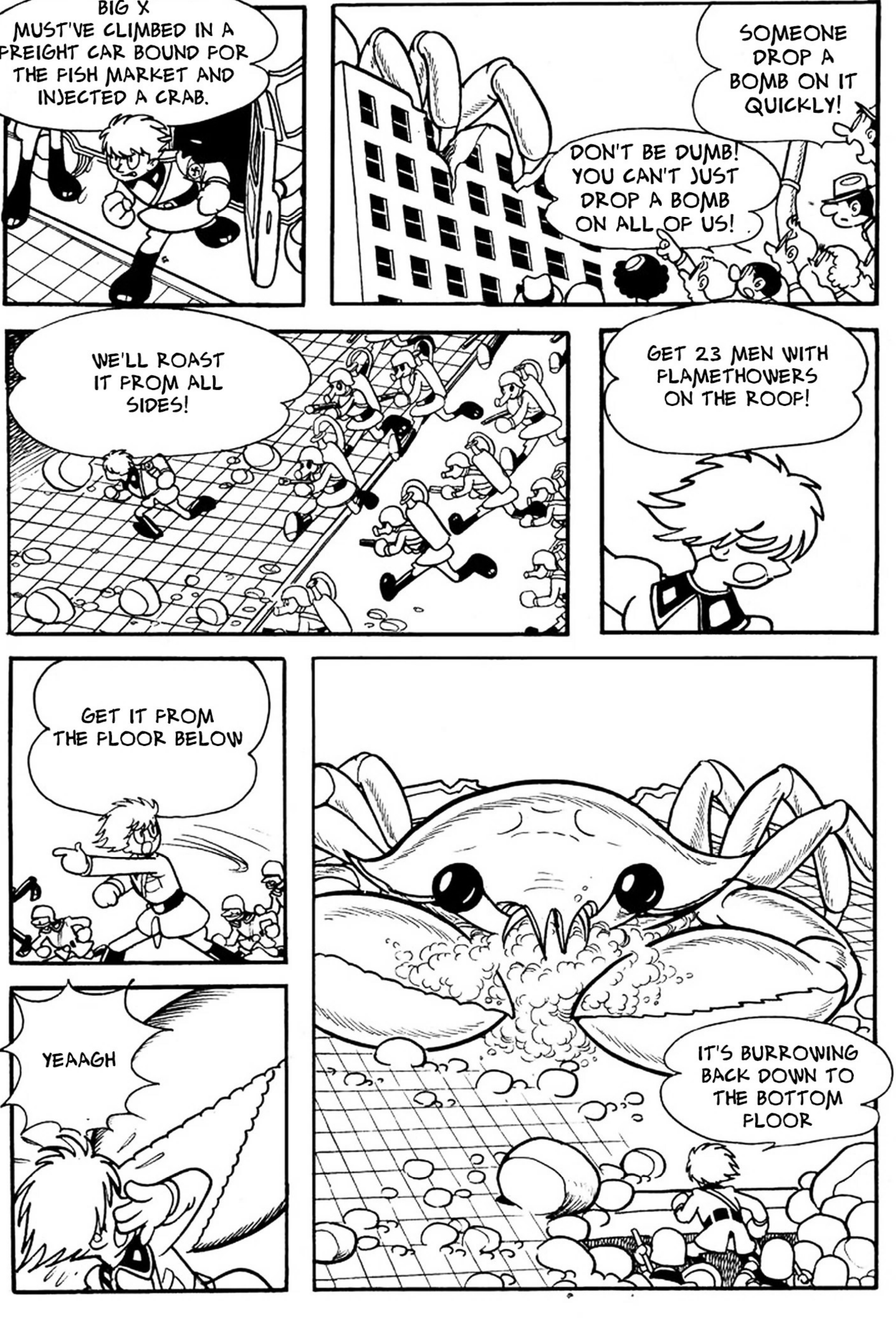

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CARRY RICE
FOR IKEDA
NOT IN THIS ONE!
LEIMO
SOMEONE IS LAYING HERE!
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

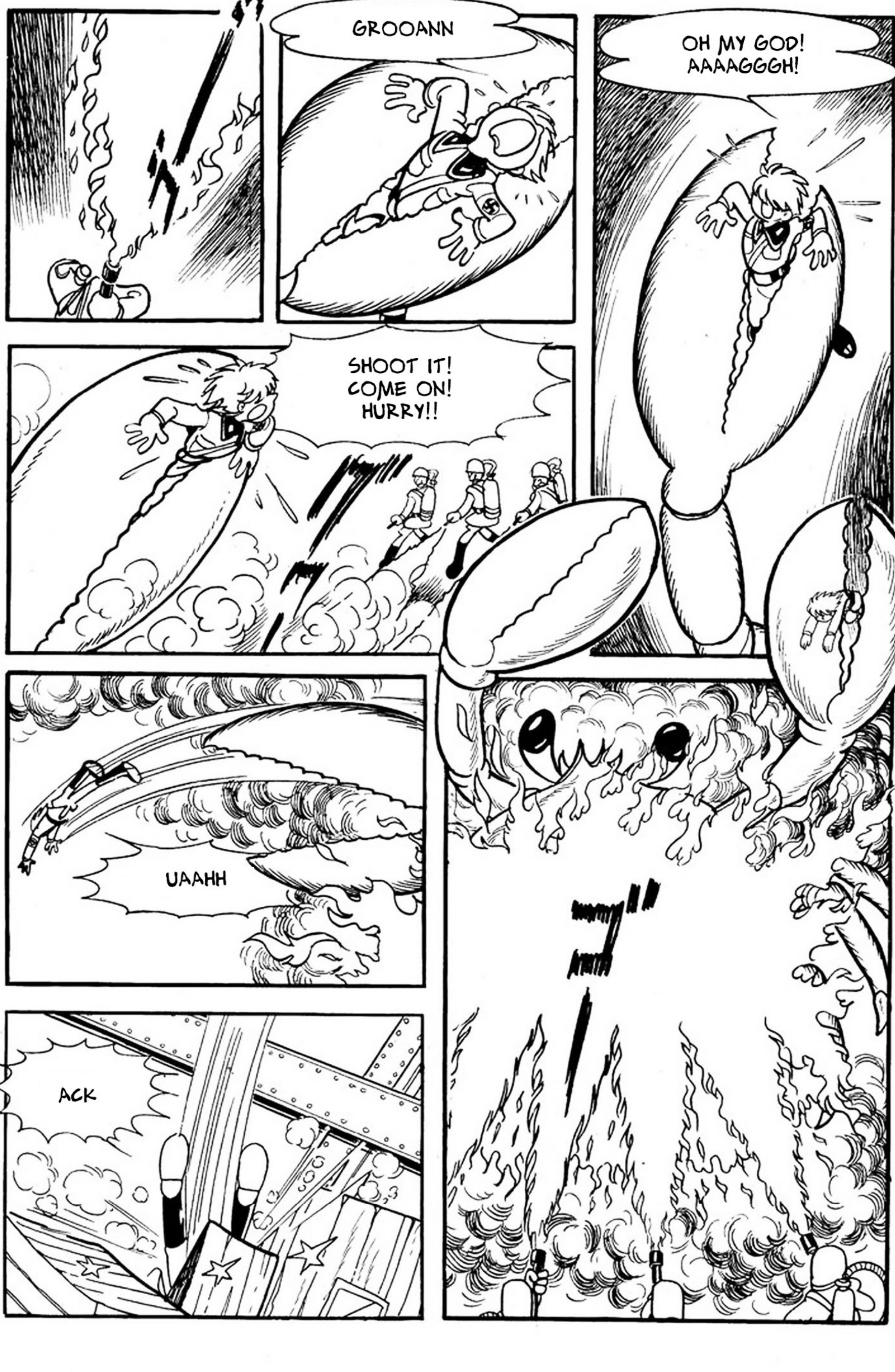

BOMÉL SCHIZ.
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE NOW!
AYYYIIAAAYIE!
BOMÉL SCHIZ.
BIG X TURNED INTO A GIANT CRAB!!

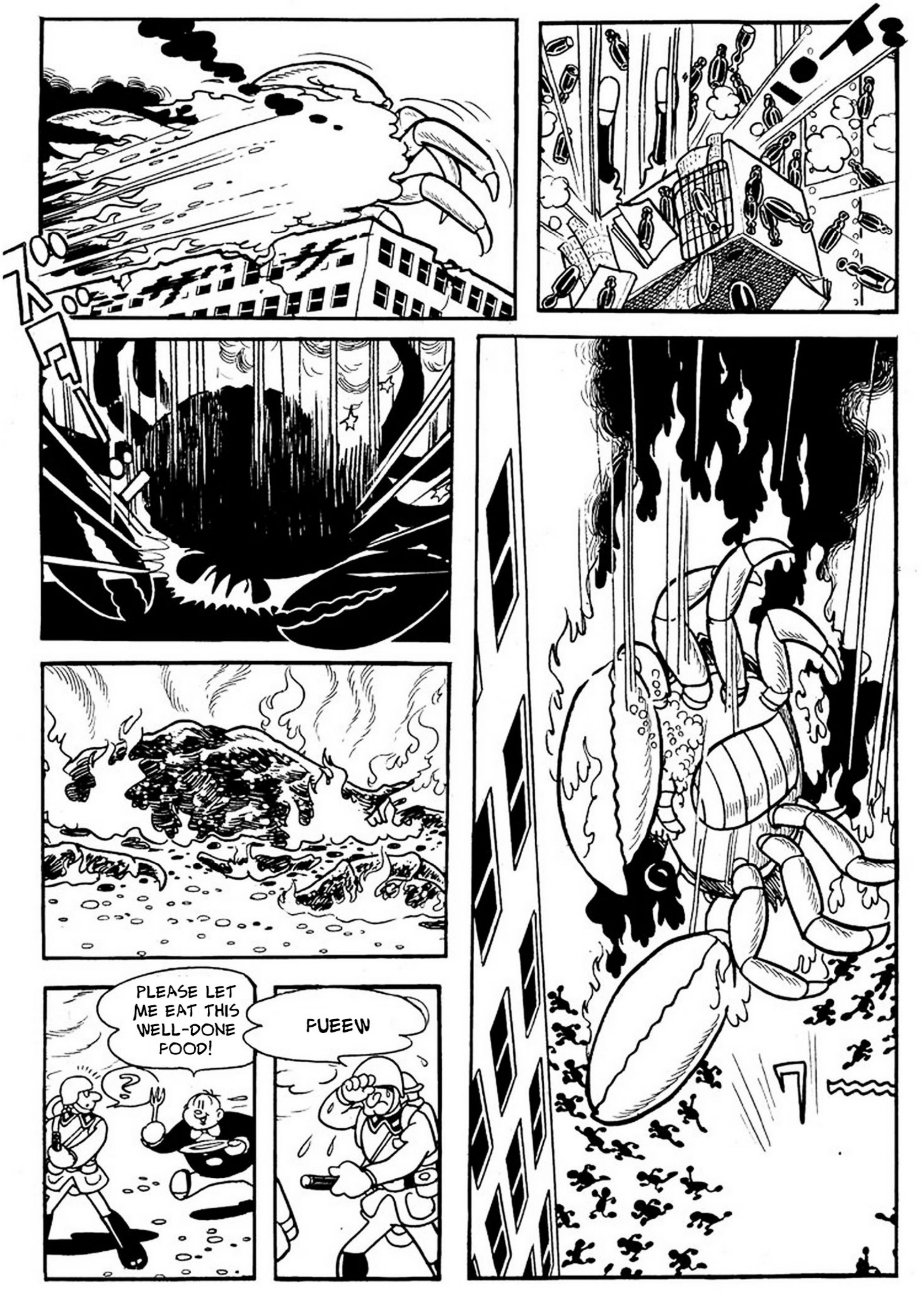

WAAAHH
EEEHHH
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!


PLEASE HELP ME!
EXIT
WHAAA!
AHHH!
CRAB SUSHI!
YEAH! IT'S GOING IN THE CAFE AND I'M REALLY HUNGRY!
MAYBE IT'S HUNGRY
IT'S GOING ONTO THE ROOF OF THE CAFE

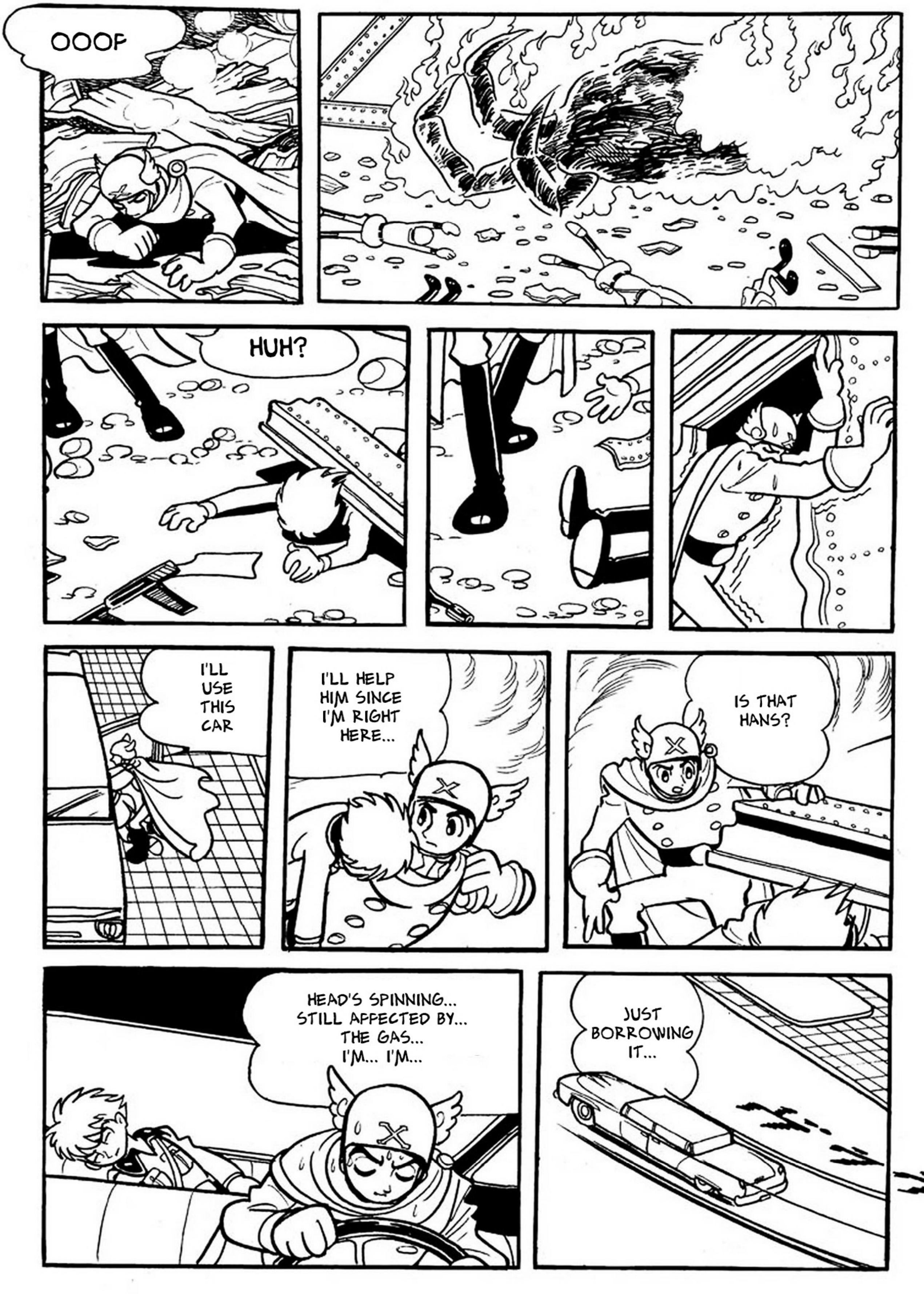

WOAH!
HELP ME!
カニ料理
IT'S RIGHT
OVER THERE!

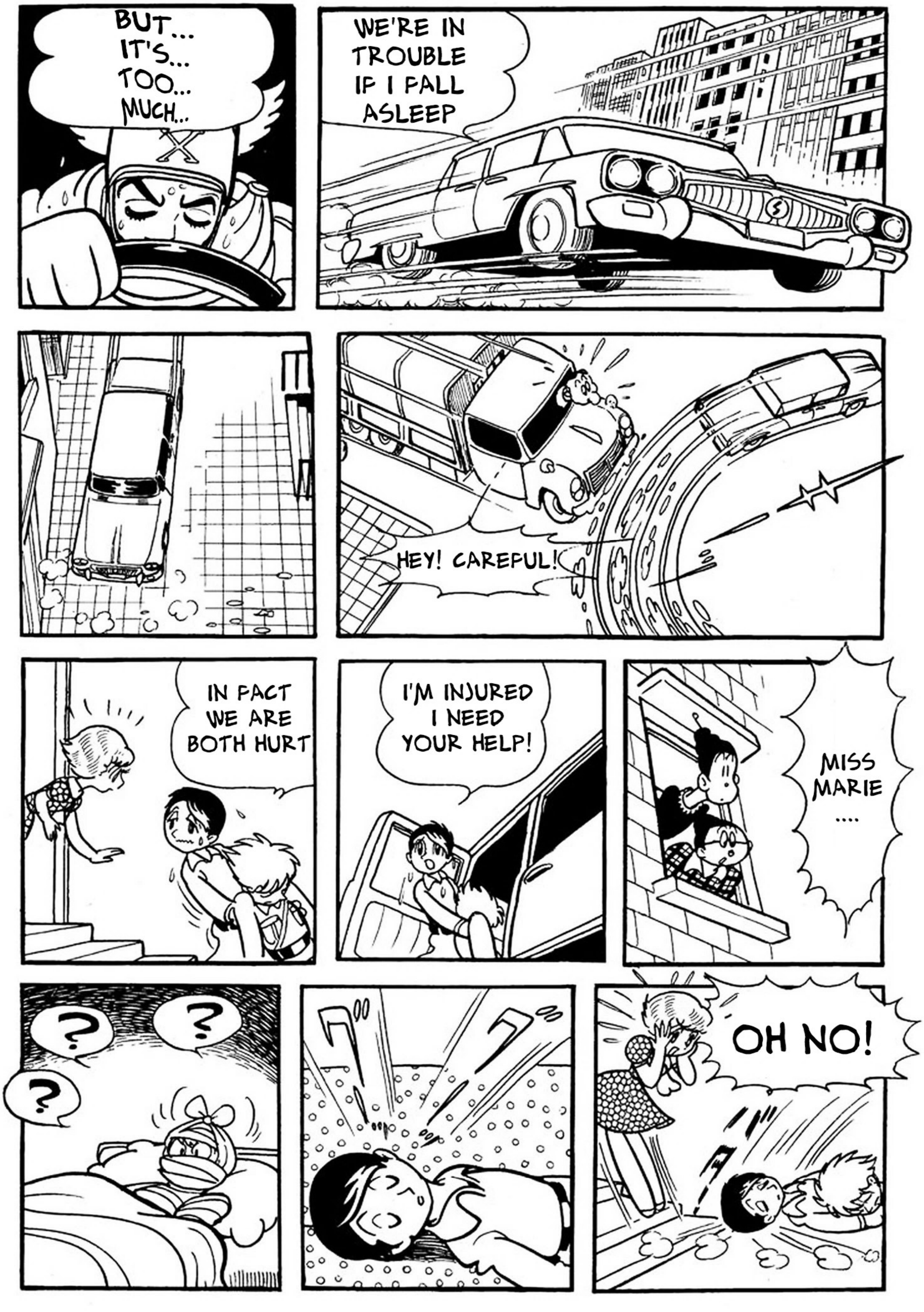

BIG X MUST'VE CLIMBED IN A FREIGHT CAR BOUND FOR THE FISH MARKET AND INJECTED A CRAB.
SOMEONE DROP A BOMB ON IT QUICKLY!
DON'T BE DUMB! YOU CAN'T JUST DROP A BOMB ON ALL OF US!
WE'LL ROAST IT FROM ALL SIDES!
GET 23 MEN WITH FLAMETHOWERS ON THE ROOF!
GET IT FROM THE FLOOR BELOW
YEAAGH
IT'S BURROWING BACK DOWN TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR

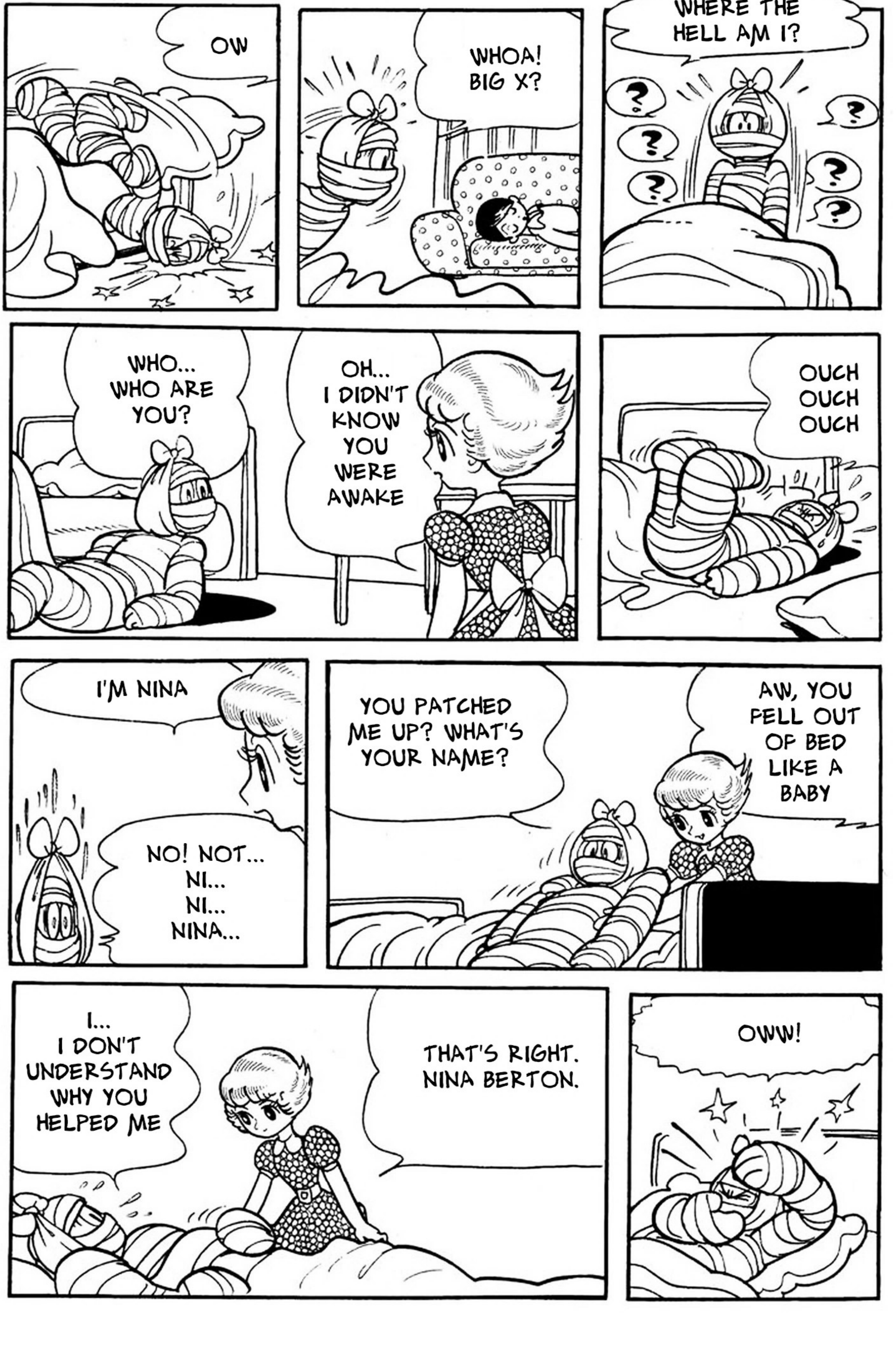

OH MY GOD! AAAAGGGH!
GROOANN
SHOOT IT! COME ON! HURRY!!
UAAHH
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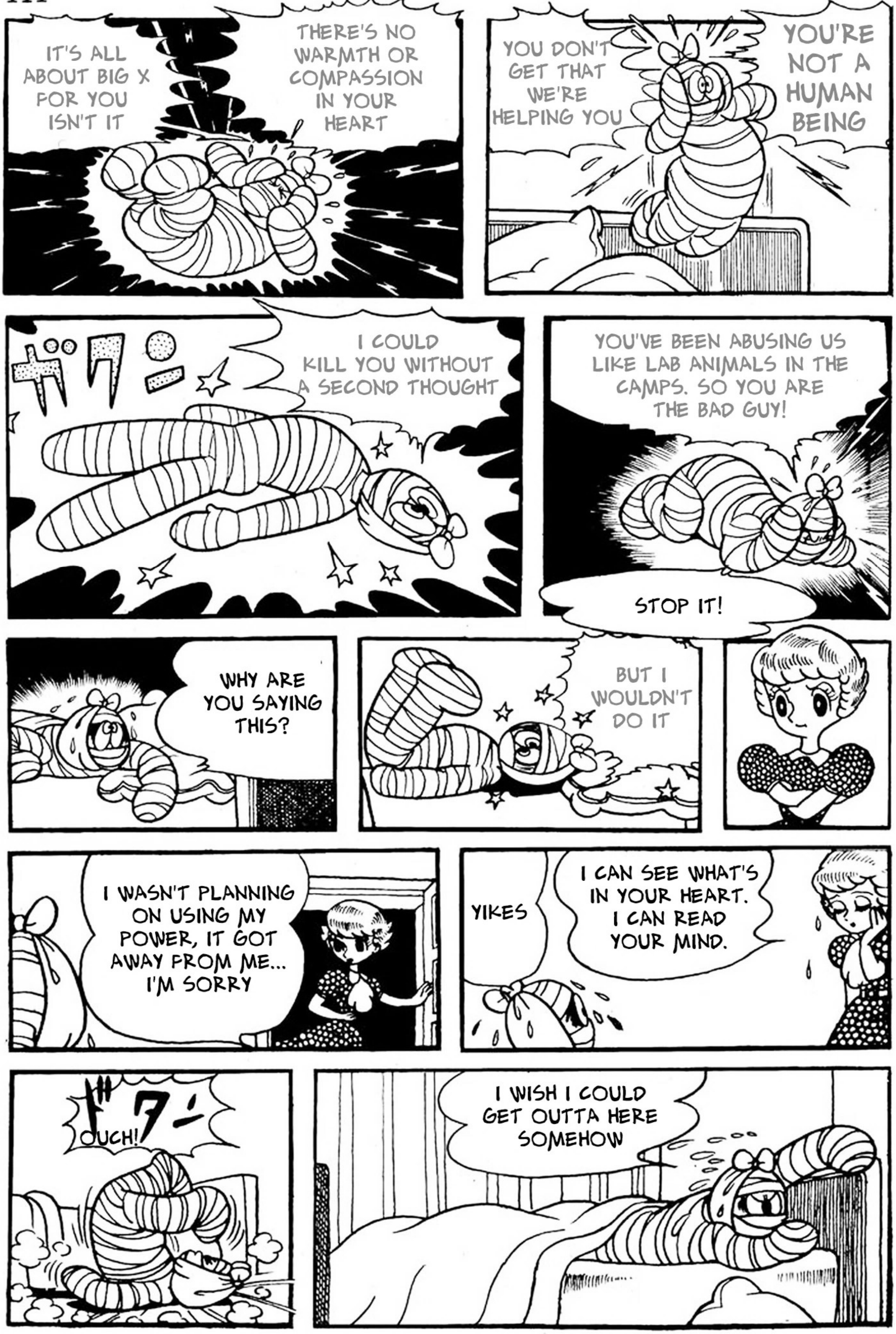
PLEASE LET ME EAT THIS WELL-DONE FOOD!
FUEEW


OOOF
HUH?
I'LL USE THIS CAR
I'LL HELP HIM SINCE I'M RIGHT HERE...
IS THAT HANS?
HEAD'S SPINNING... STILL AFFECTED BY... THE GAS... I'M... I'M...
JUST BORROWING IT...

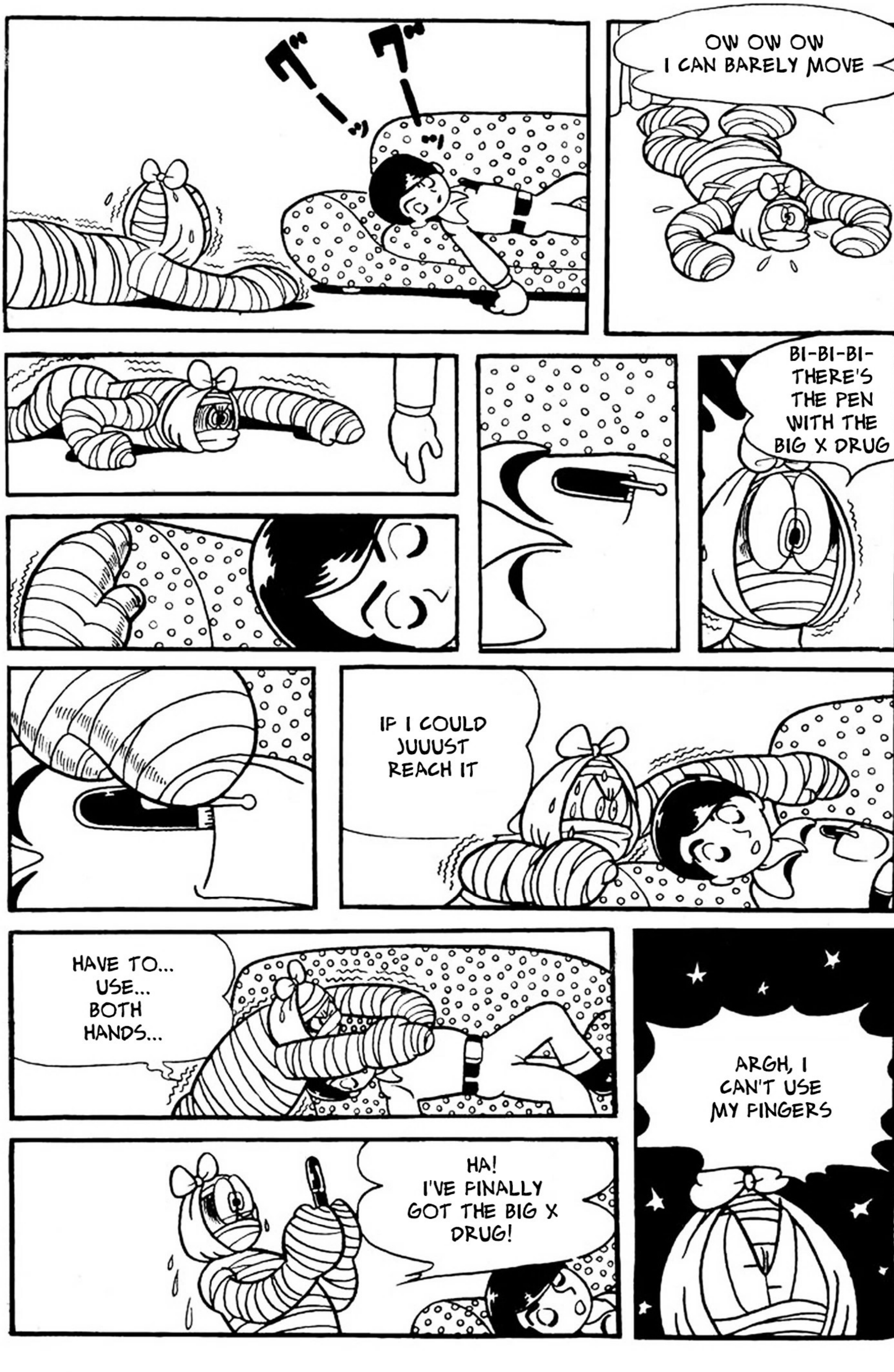

BUT... IT'S... TOO... MUCH...
WE'RE IN TROUBLE IF I FALL ASLEEP
HEY! CAREFUL!
IN FACT WE ARE BOTH HURT
I'M INJURED I NEED YOUR HELP!
MISS MARIE ....
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?
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OH NO!

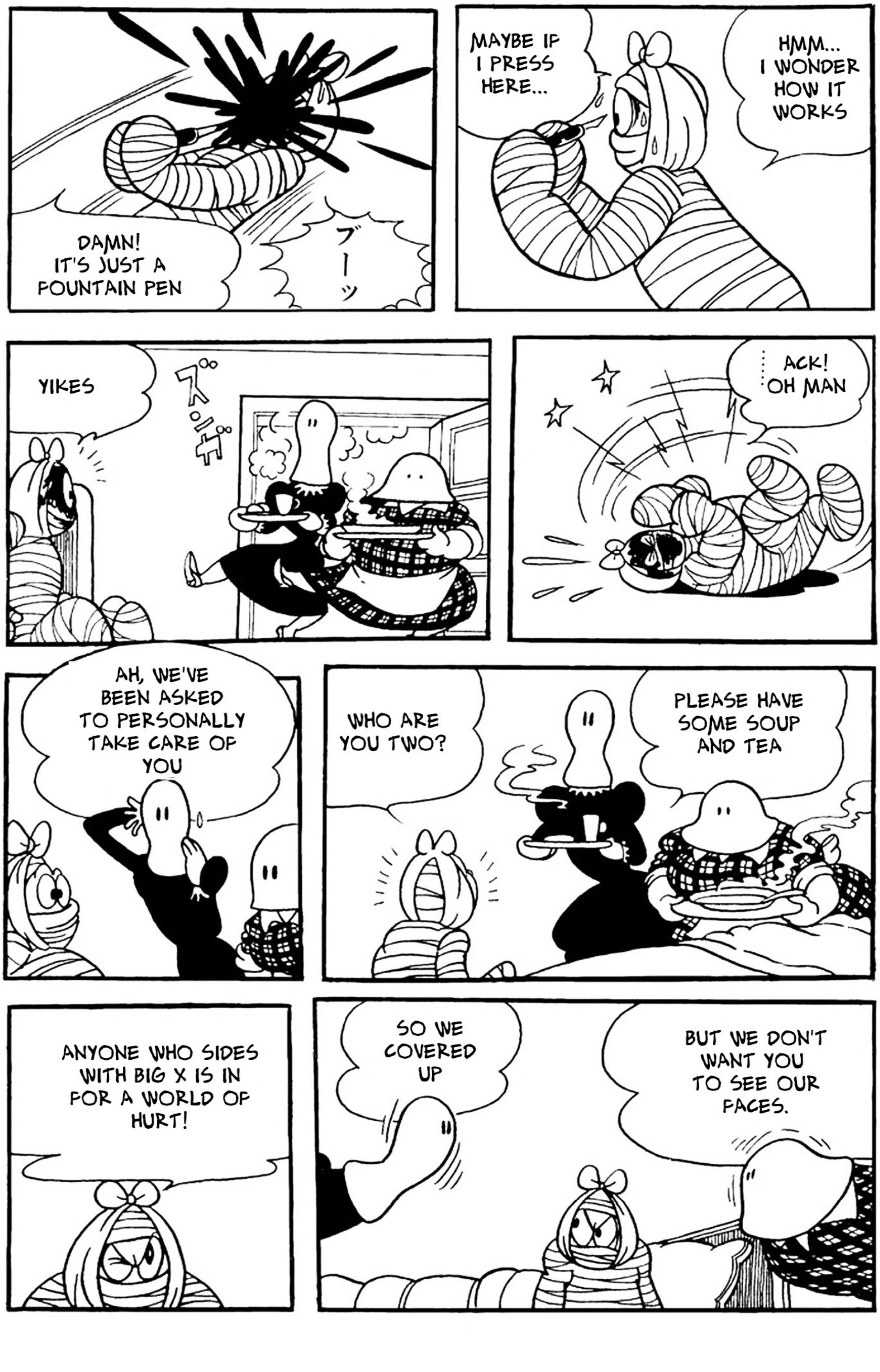

WHERE THE HELL AM I?
WHOA! BIG X?
OW
OUCH OUCH OUCH
OH... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AWAKE
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
AW, YOU FELL OUT OF BED LIKE A BABY
YOU PATCHED ME UP? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M NINA
NO! NOT... NI... NI... NINA...
OWW!
THAT'S RIGHT. NINA BERTON.
I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HELPED ME


AKIRA IS STILL PASSED OUT
YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR A WHOLE DAY. AKIRA DROVE YOU HERE. YOU ARE COVERED IN INJURIES.
THIS IS ABSURD!
OH, MY GOD. YOU SAVED ME. I OWE YOU. IS THAT RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SCOUNDREL"?
I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE RESCUED BY SOME SCOUNDREL
ABSURD? WHY?
YOU ARE THE VILLAIN HERE!

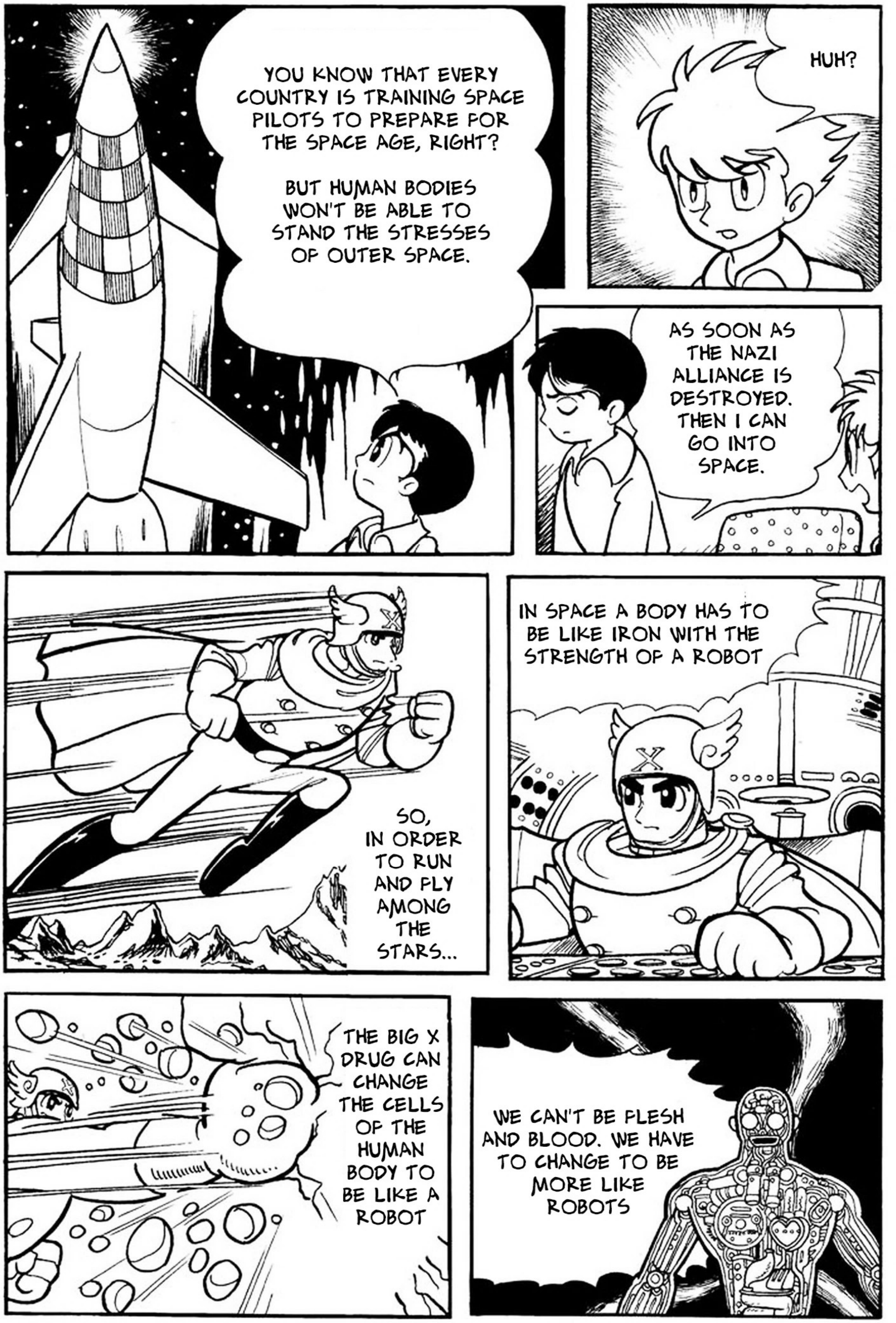


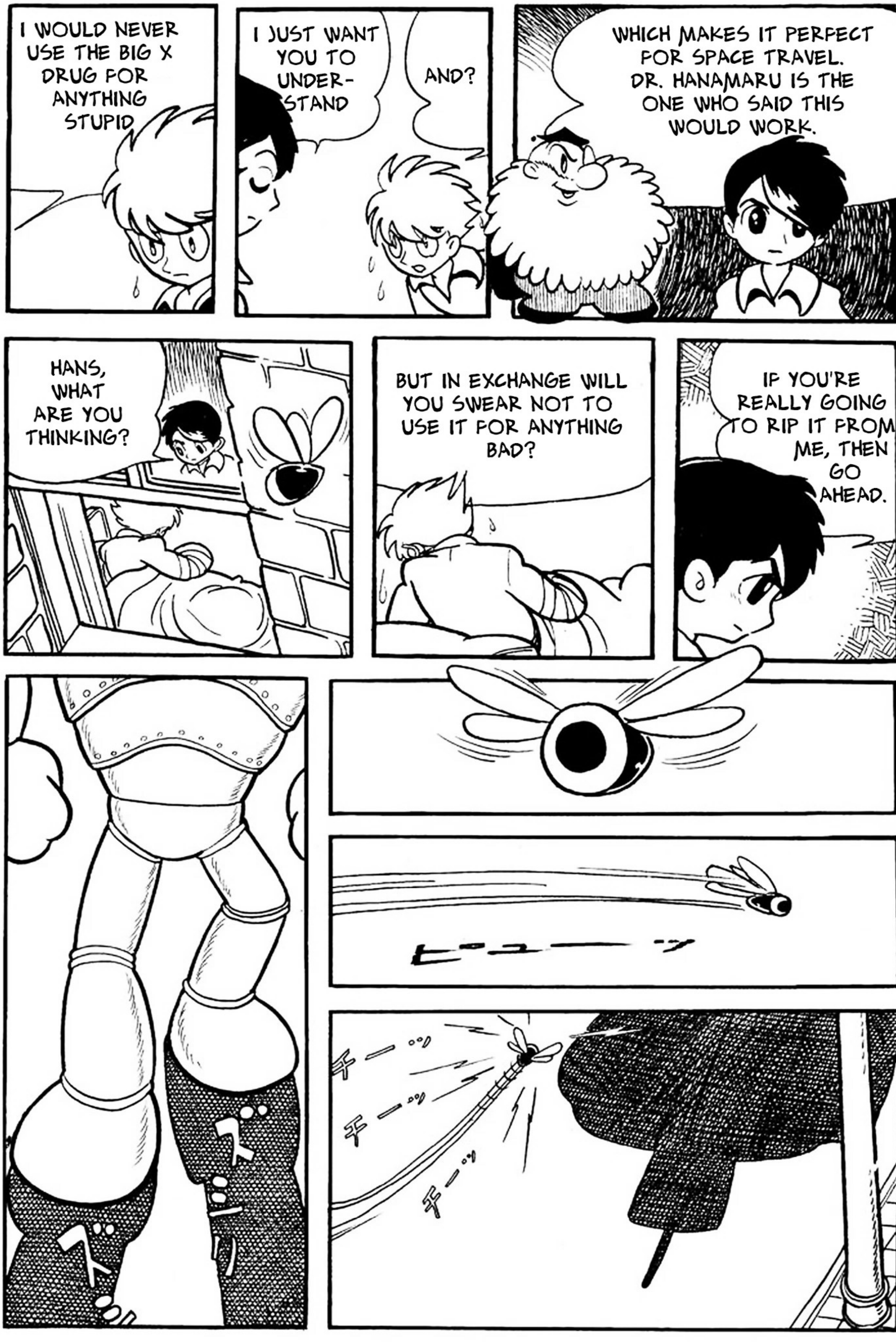
THERE'S NO WARMTH OR COMPASSION IN YOUR HEART
IT'S ALL ABOUT BIG X FOR YOU ISN'T IT
YOU'RE NOT A HUMAN BEING
YOU DON'T GET THAT WE'RE HELPING YOU
I COULD KILL YOU WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT
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YOU'VE BEEN ABUSING US LIKE LAB ANIMALS IN THE CAMPS. SO YOU ARE THE BAD GUY!
STOP IT!
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS?
BUT I WOULDN'T DO IT
I WASN'T PLANNING ON USING MY POWER, IT GOT AWAY FROM ME... I'M SORRY
I CAN SEE WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART. I CAN READ YOUR MIND.
YIKES
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OUCH!
I WISH I COULD GET OUTTA HERE SOMEHOW

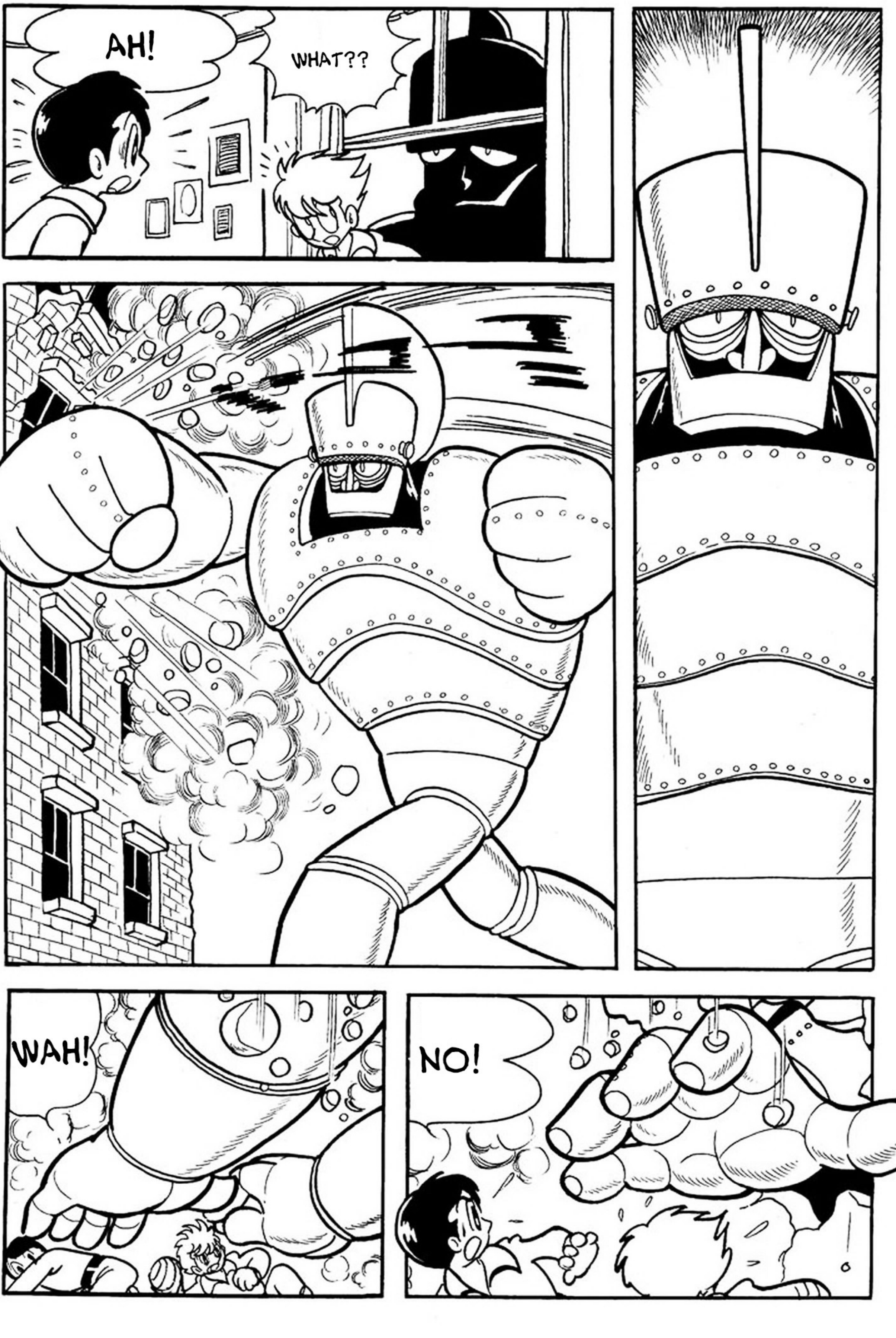

OW OW OW
I CAN BARELY MOVE
BI-BI-BI- THERE'S THE PEN WITH THE BIG X DRUG
IF I COULD JUUUST REACH IT
ARGH, I CAN'T USE MY FINGERS
HAVE TO... USE... BOTH HANDS...
HA! I'VE FINALLY GOT THE BIG X DRUG!

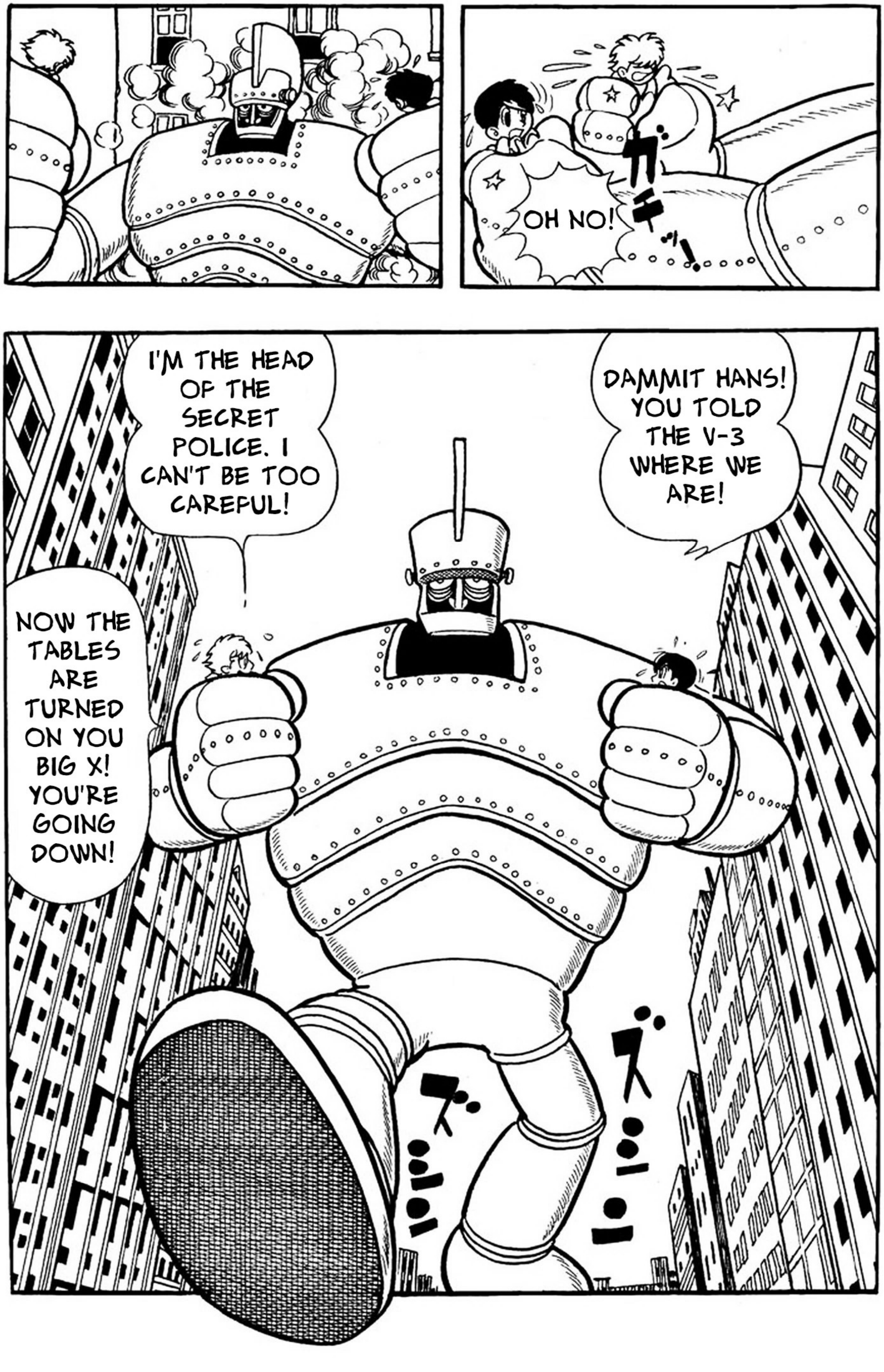

DAMN!
IT'S JUST A FOUNTAIN PEN
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MAYBE IF I PRESS HERE...
HMM... I WONDER HOW IT WORKS
YIKES
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ACK! OH MAN
AH, WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF YOU
WHO ARE YOU TWO?
PLEASE HAVE SOME SOUP AND TEA
ANYONE WHO SIDES WITH BIG X IS IN FOR A WORLD OF HURT!
SO WE COVERED UP
BUT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE OUR FACES.


WE DON'T WANT TO GET MIXED UP WITH ANY NAZI ALLIANCE OFFICERS
YOU CAN EAT YOUR SOUP ON YOUR OWN
THOUGH IT IS TIME FOR US TO GO ...
YOU DON'T SCARE ME
YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR 5 DAYS
WHETHER OR NOT I RECOVER IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
YOU WERE INJURED PRETTY BADLY. I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY
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......
I'M GOING INTO SPACE
HANS. YOU MAY NOT WANT TO HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN. BUT PLEASE HEAR ME OUT.
BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH BIG X? YOU PLANNING TO MAKE A FORTUNE WITH IT?


YOU KNOW THAT EVERY COUNTRY IS TRAINING SPACE PILOTS TO PREPARE FOR THE SPACE AGE, RIGHT?
BUT HUMAN BODIES WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND THE STRESSES OF OUTER SPACE.
HUH?
AS SOON AS THE NAZI ALLIANCE IS DESTROYED. THEN I CAN GO INTO SPACE.
SO, IN ORDER TO RUN AND FLY AMONG THE STARS...
IN SPACE A BODY HAS TO BE LIKE IRON WITH THE STRENGTH OF A ROBOT
THE BIG X DRUG CAN CHANGE THE CELLS OF THE HUMAN BODY TO BE LIKE A ROBOT
WE CAN'T BE FLESH AND BLOOD. WE HAVE TO CHANGE TO BE MORE LIKE ROBOTS


I WOULD NEVER USE THE BIG X DRUG FOR ANYTHING STUPID
I JUST WANT YOU TO UNDER-STAND
AND?
WHICH MAKES IT PERFECT FOR SPACE TRAVEL. DR. HANAMARU IS THE ONE WHO SAID THIS WOULD WORK.
HANS, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
BUT IN EXCHANGE WILL YOU SWEAR NOT TO USE IT FOR ANYTHING BAD?
IF YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO RIP IT FROM ME, THEN GO AHEAD.
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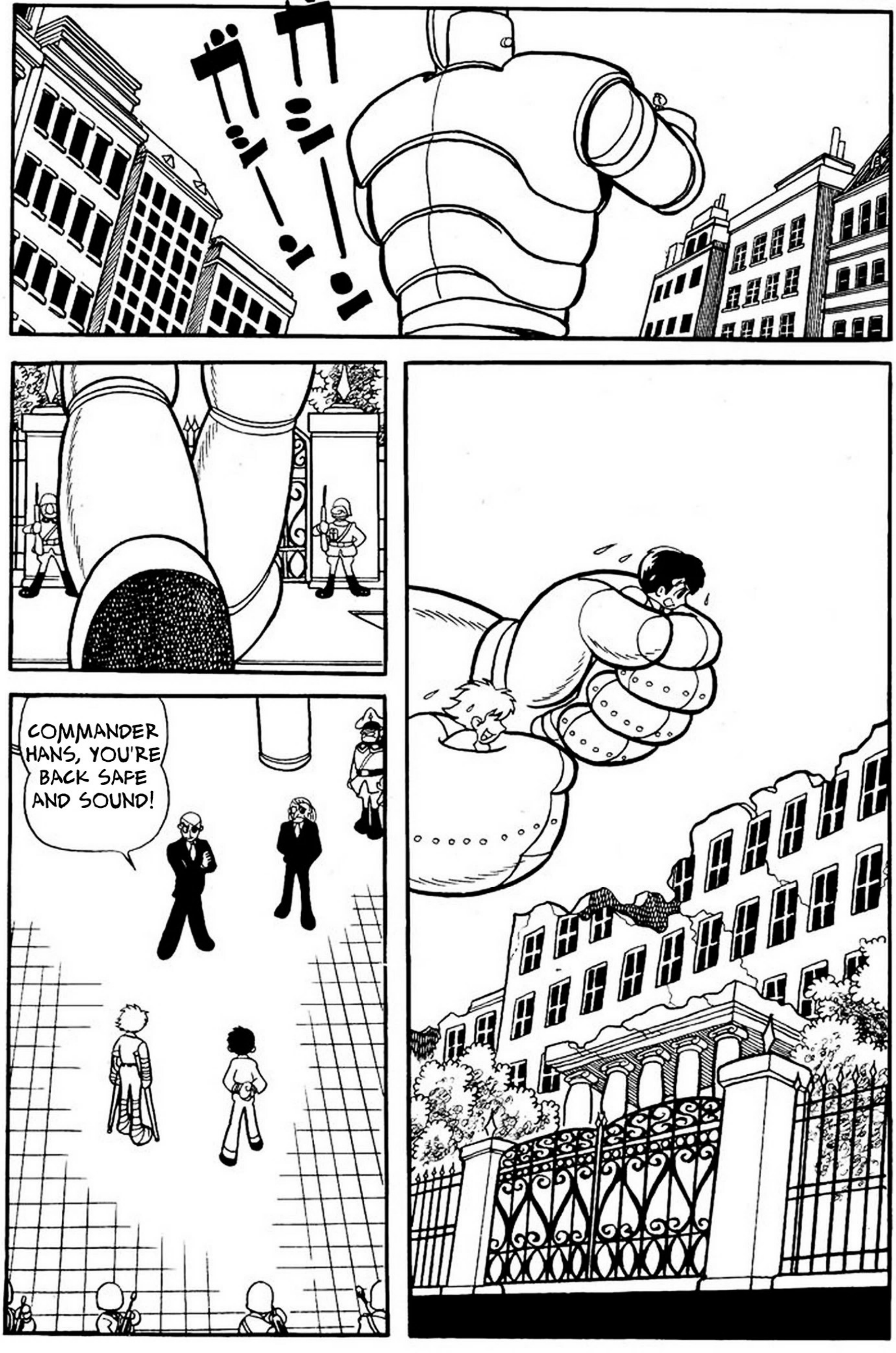

AH!
WHAT??
WAH!
NO!

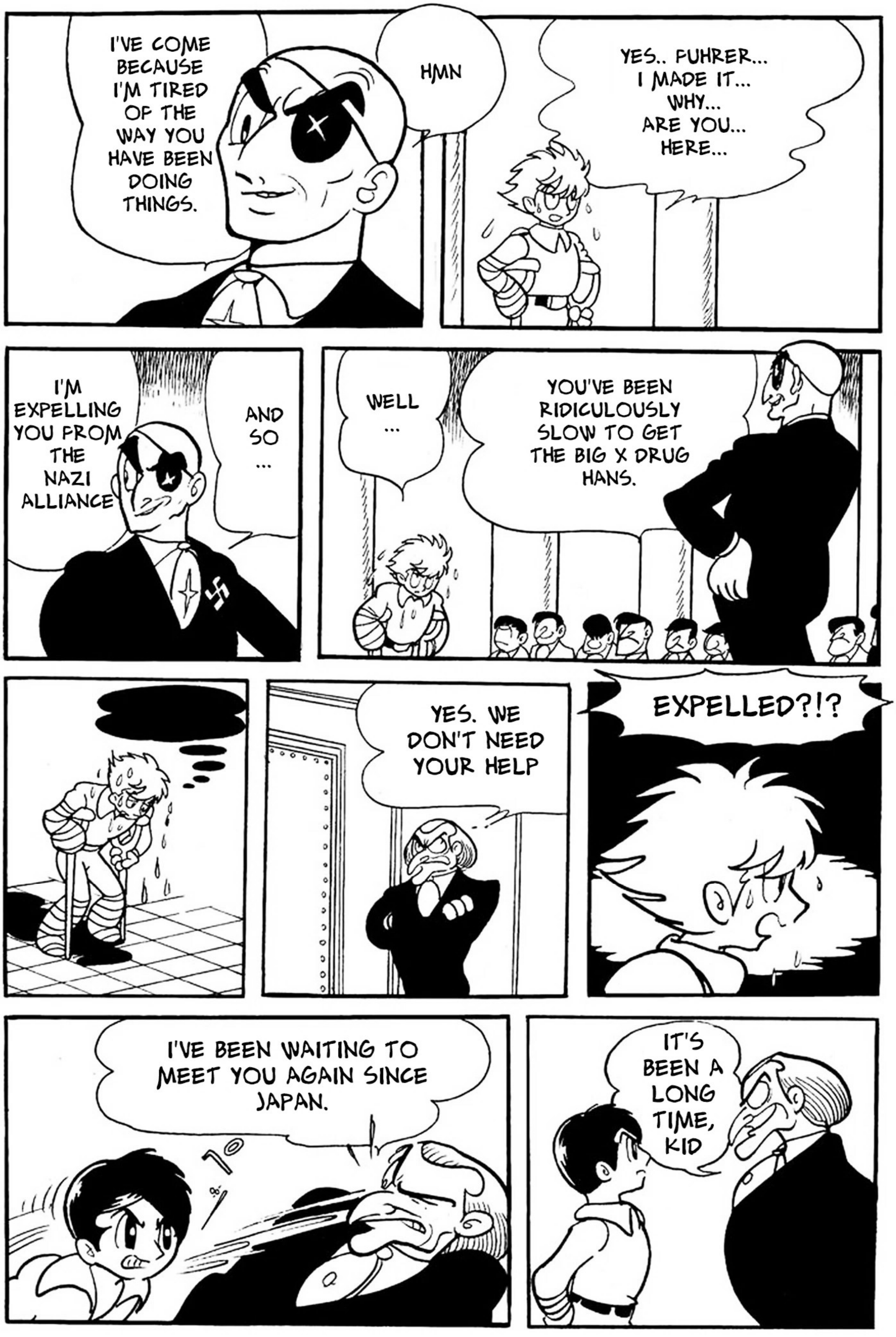


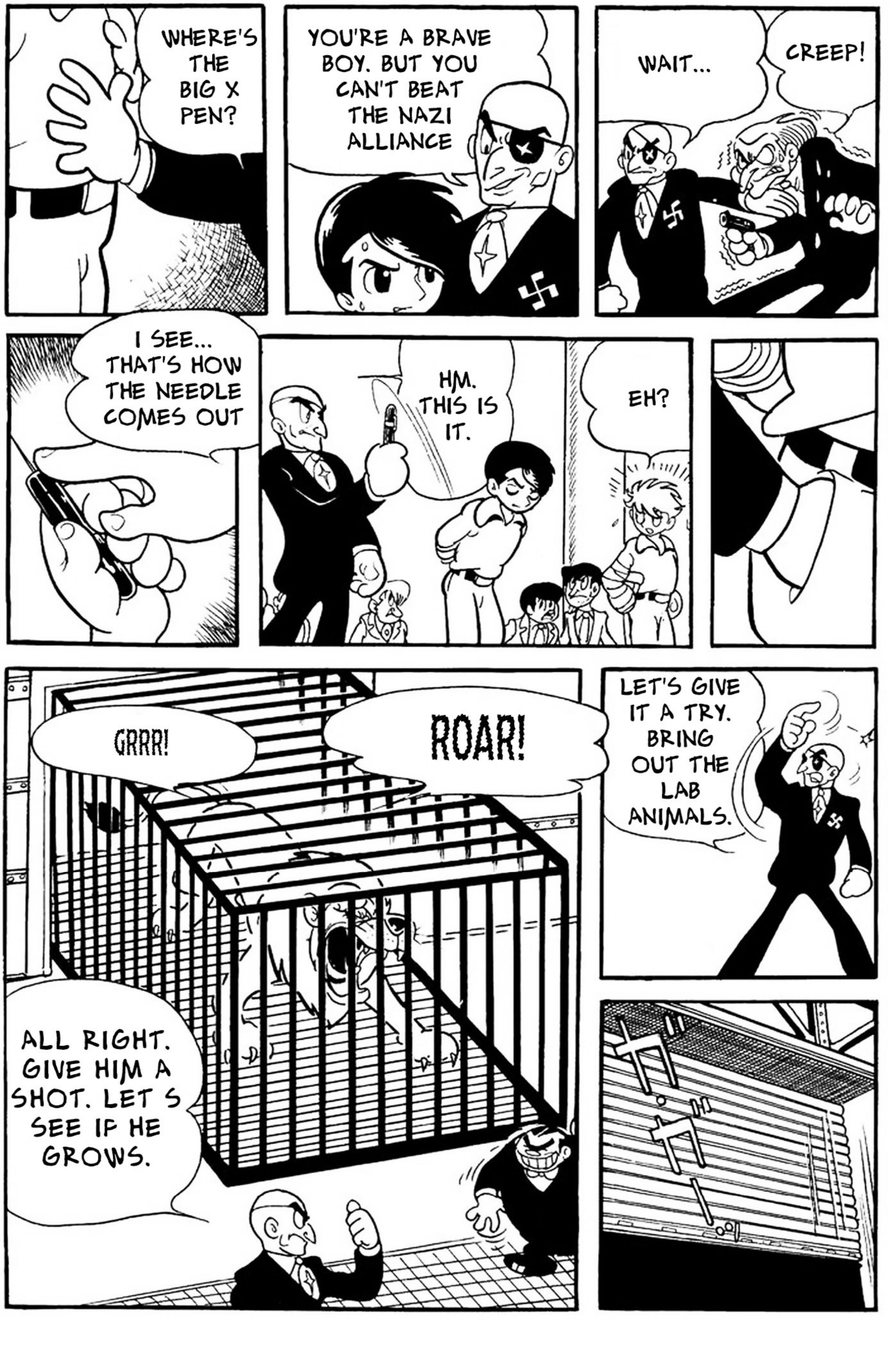
OH NO!
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I'M THE HEAD OF THE SECRET POLICE. I CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL!
DAMMIT HANS! YOU TOLD THE V-3 WHERE WE ARE!
NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED ON YOU BIG X! YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
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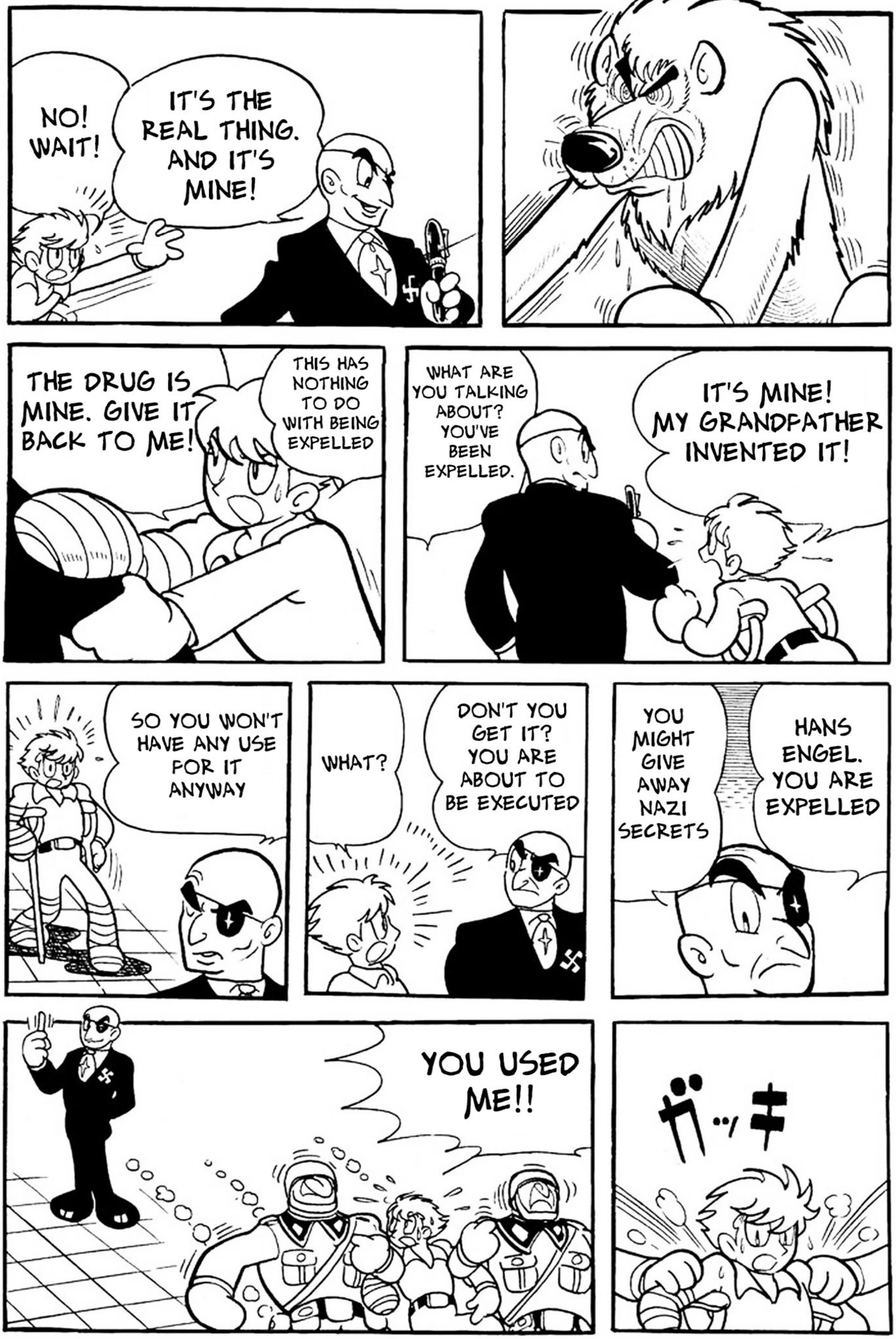
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COMMANDER HANS, YOU'RE BACK SAFE AND SOUND!

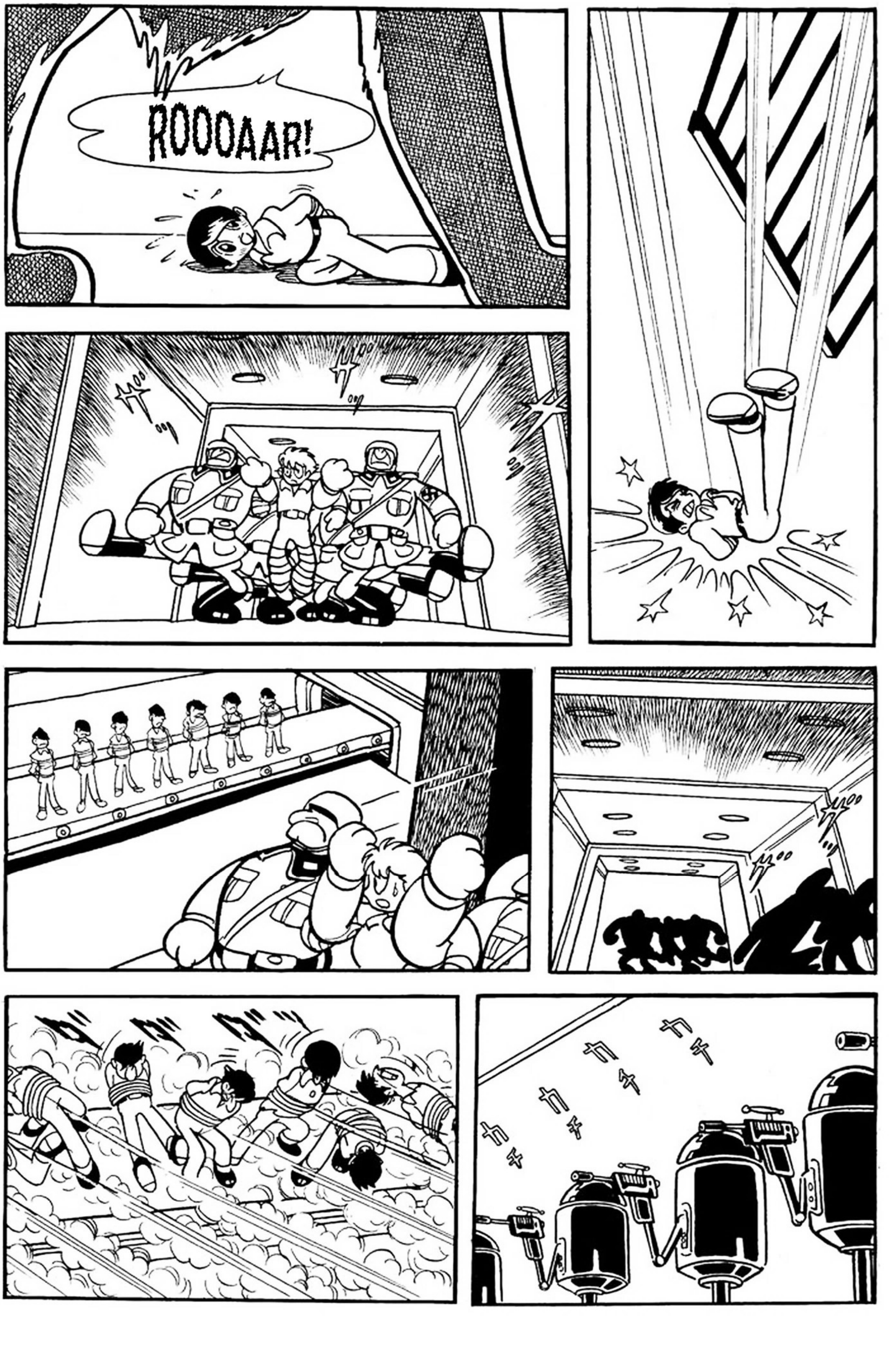

I'VE COME BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THINGS.
HMN
YES.. FUHRER... I MADE IT... WHY... ARE YOU... HERE...
I'M EXPELLING YOU FROM THE NAZI ALLIANCE
AND SO ...
WELL ...
YOU'VE BEEN RIDICULOUSLY SLOW TO GET THE BIG X DRUG HANS.
YES. WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP
EXPELLED?!?
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO MEET YOU AGAIN SINCE JAPAN.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, KID

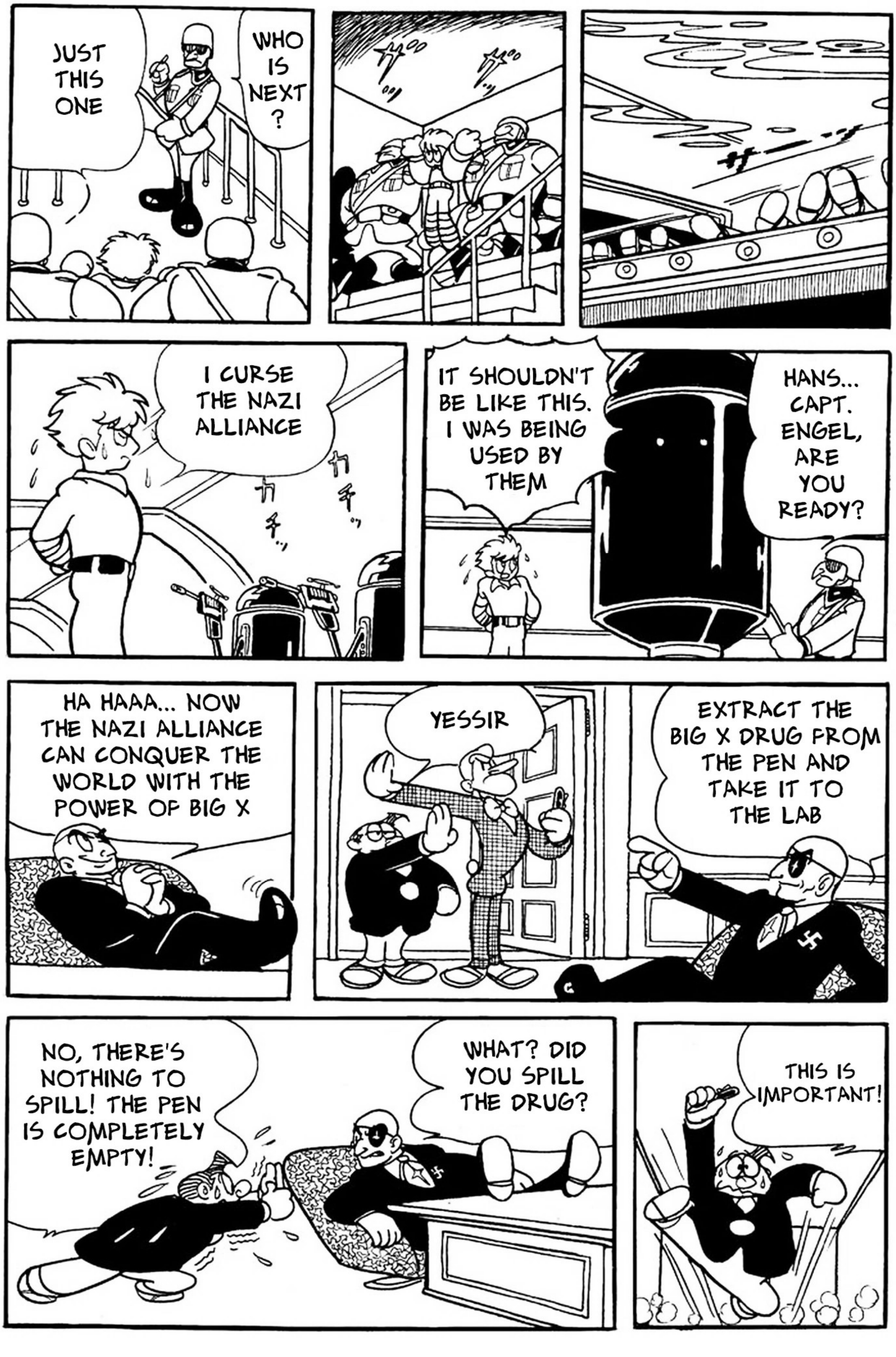

WHERE'S THE BIG X PEN?
YOU'RE A BRAVE BOY. BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT THE NAZI ALLIANCE
WAIT...
CREEP!
I SEE... THAT'S HOW THE NEEDLE COMES OUT
HM. THIS IS IT.
EH?
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY. BRING OUT THE LAB ANIMALS.
ROAR!
GRRR!
ALL RIGHT. GIVE HIM A SHOT. LET S SEE IF HE GROWS.


RRRRRR
OW!
UH..
AGH
LOOK! HE'S GROWING!

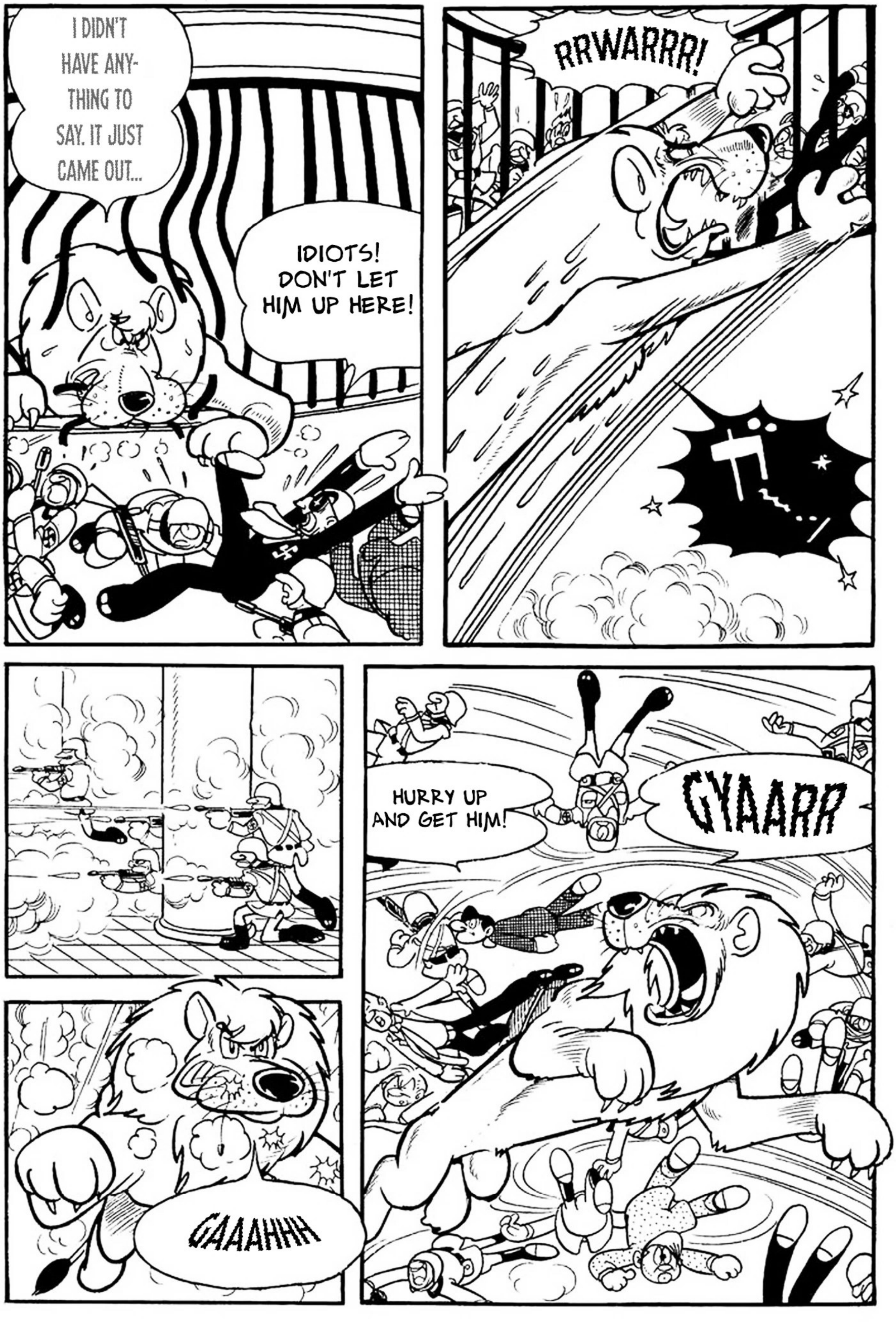

IT'S THE REAL THING. AND IT'S MINE!
NO! WAIT!
IT'S MINE! MY GRANDFATHER INVENTED IT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'VE BEEN EXPELLED.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING EXPELLED
THE DRUG IS MINE. GIVE IT BACK TO ME!
HANS ENGEL. YOU ARE EXPELLED
YOU MIGHT GIVE AWAY NAZI SECRETS
DON'T YOU GET IT? YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED
WHAT?
SO YOU WON'T HAVE ANY USE FOR IT ANYWAY
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YOU USED ME!!


AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO KILL ME?
WALK
I'VE THOUGHT OF A WAY TO CLEAN UP
OKAY, I'LL LEAVE YOU TO DEAL WITH THE BOY.
WHEN THIS LION KILLS YOU I'M SURE HE'LL DISPOSE OF YOU WITHOUT LEAVING A BONE.
THIS WILL BE LIKE A ROMAN ARENA


ROOOAAR!

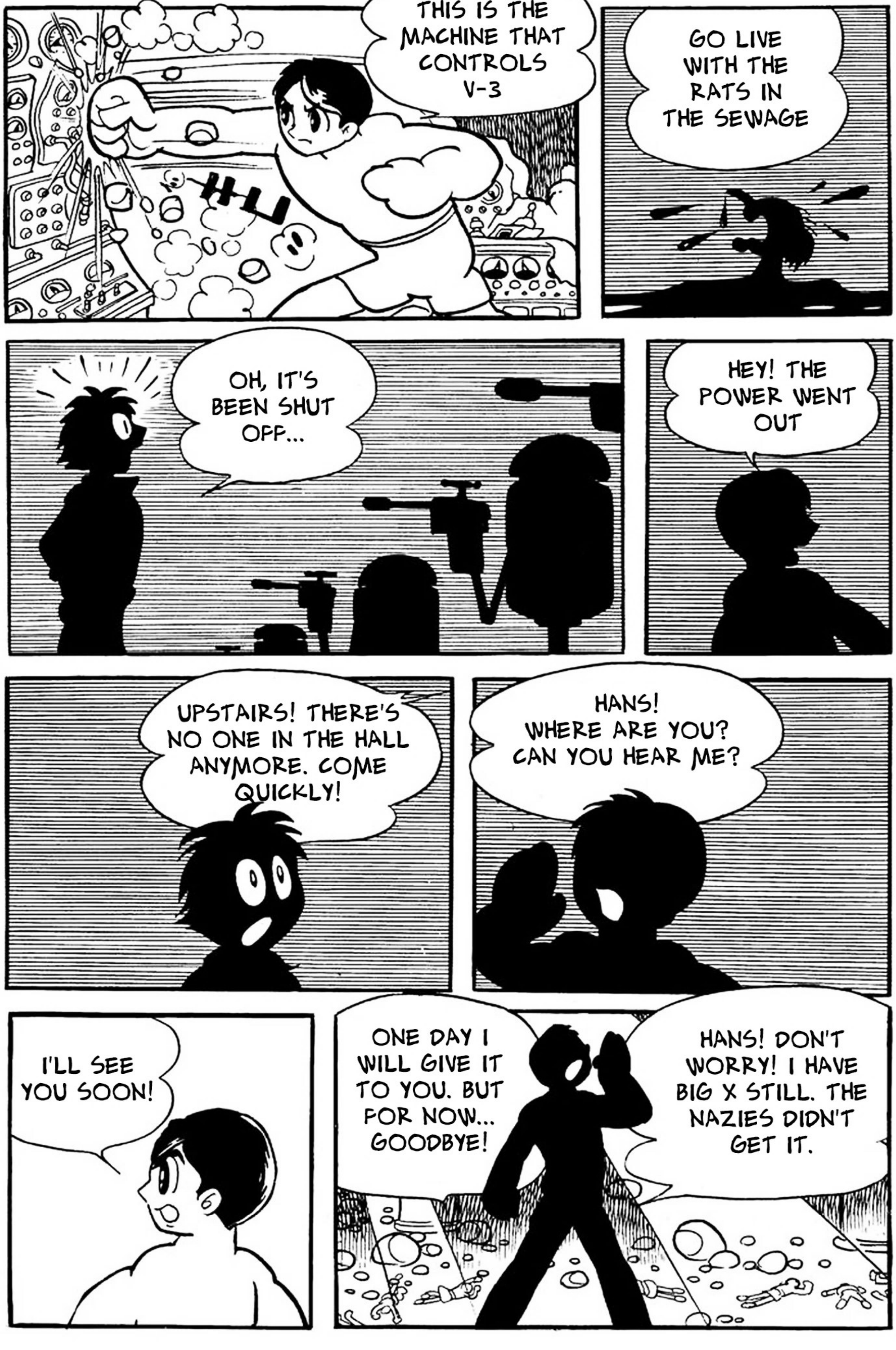

JUST THIS ONE
WHO IS NEXT ?
I CURSE THE NAZI ALLIANCE
IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS. I WAS BEING USED BY THEM
HANS... CAPT. ENGEL, ARE YOU READY?
HA HAAA... NOW THE NAZI ALLIANCE CAN CONQUER THE WORLD WITH THE POWER OF BIG X
YESSIR
EXTRACT THE BIG X DRUG FROM THE PEN AND TAKE IT TO THE LAB
NO, THERE'S NOTHING TO SPILL! THE PEN IS COMPLETELY EMPTY!
WHAT? DID YOU SPILL THE DRUG?
THIS IS IMPORTANT!

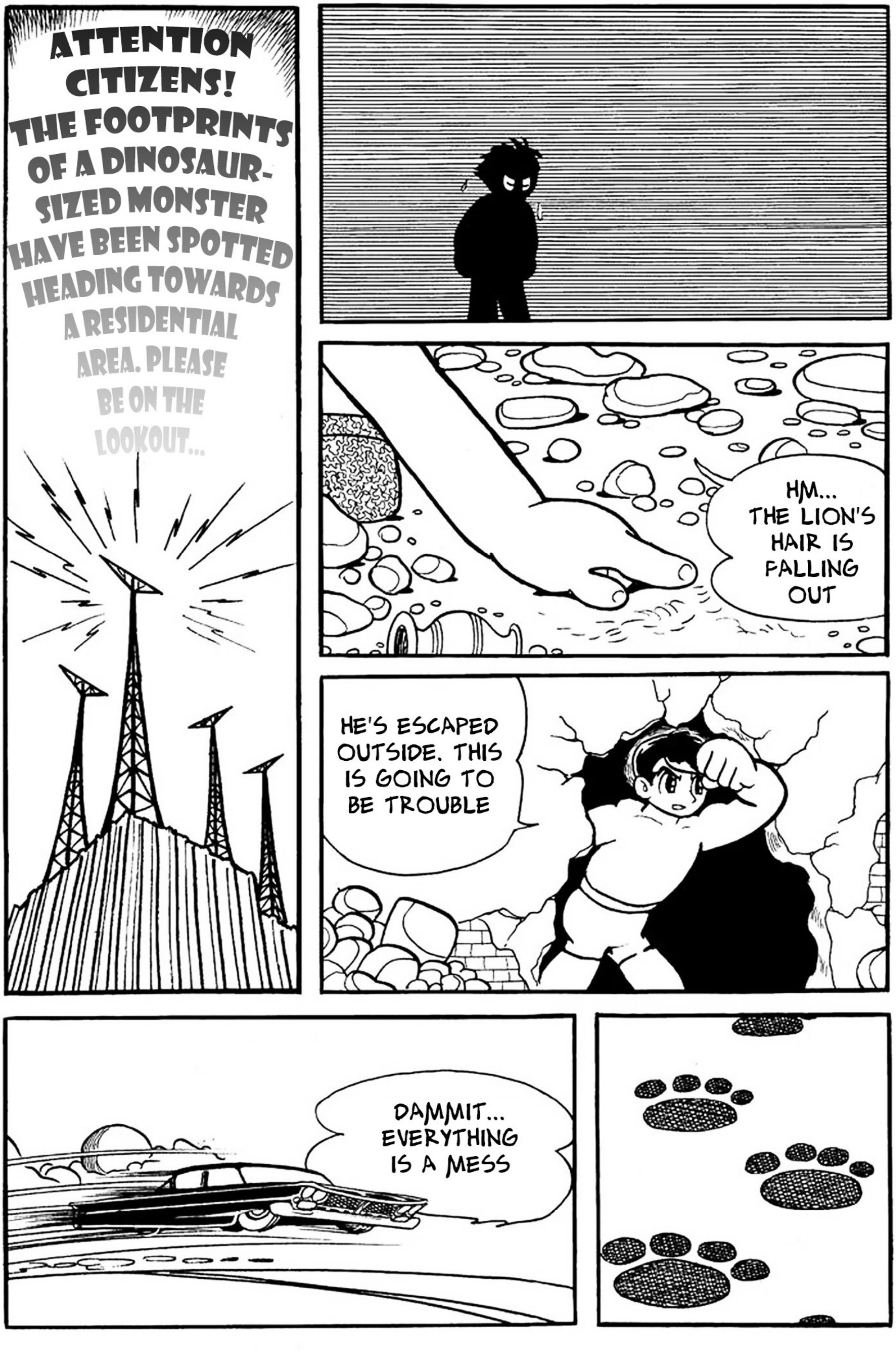

WHERE IS THAT LITTLE PUNK?
H... HE'S IN THE LION CAGE
EMPTY? DIDN'T YOU JUST INJECT THE LION WITH IT?
I GUESS IT'S DESIGNED TO CARRY ONLY ONE INJECTION AT A TIME
RRRRRRRRR
OH NO, THE LION IS GOING TO EAT HIM
DON'T LET HIM GET KILLED!
SHOOT THE LION! SHOOT IT!

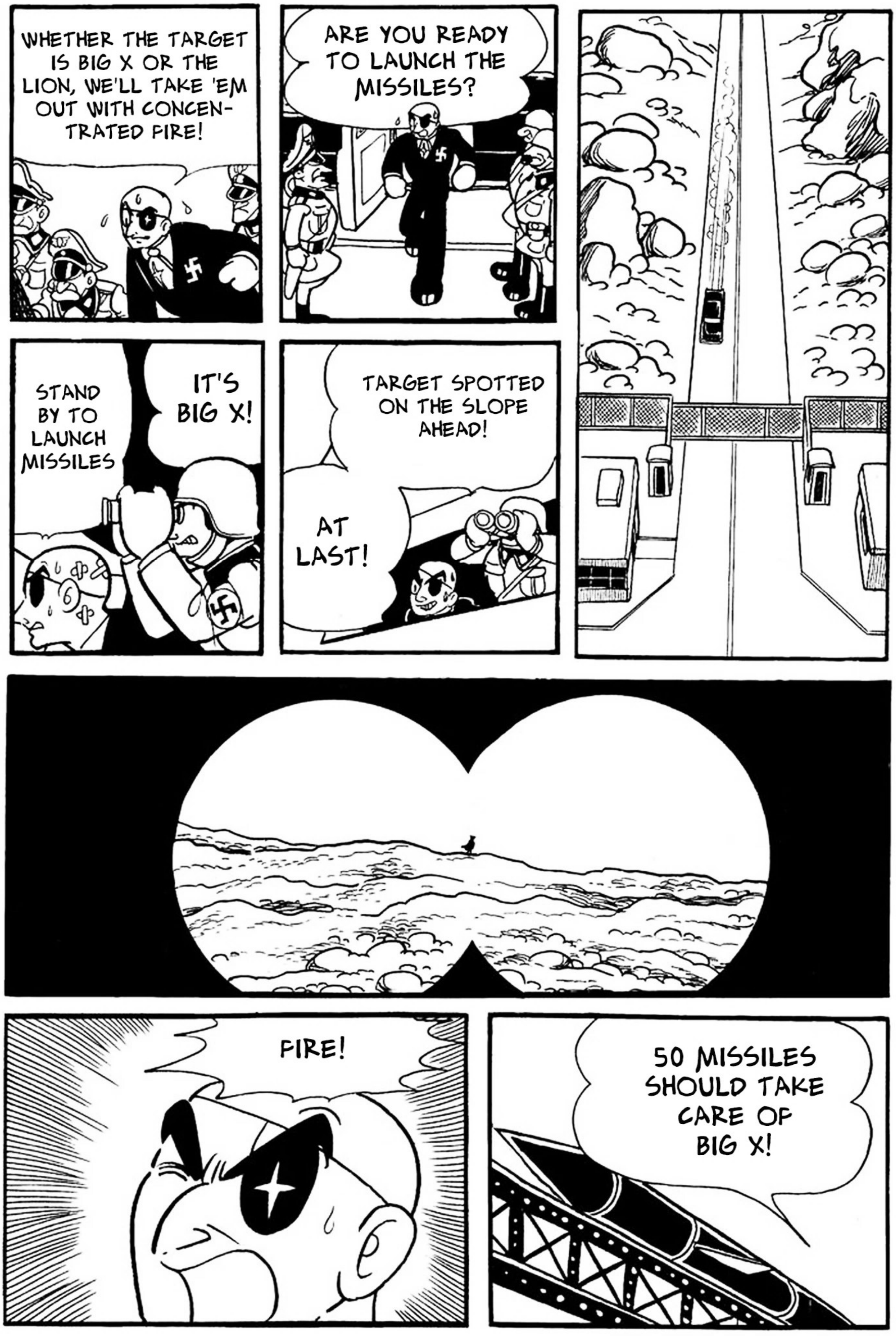

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY. IT JUST CAME OUT...
IDIOTS! DON'T LET HIM UP HERE!
RRWARRR!
HURRY UP AND GET HIM!
GYAARR
GAAAHHH

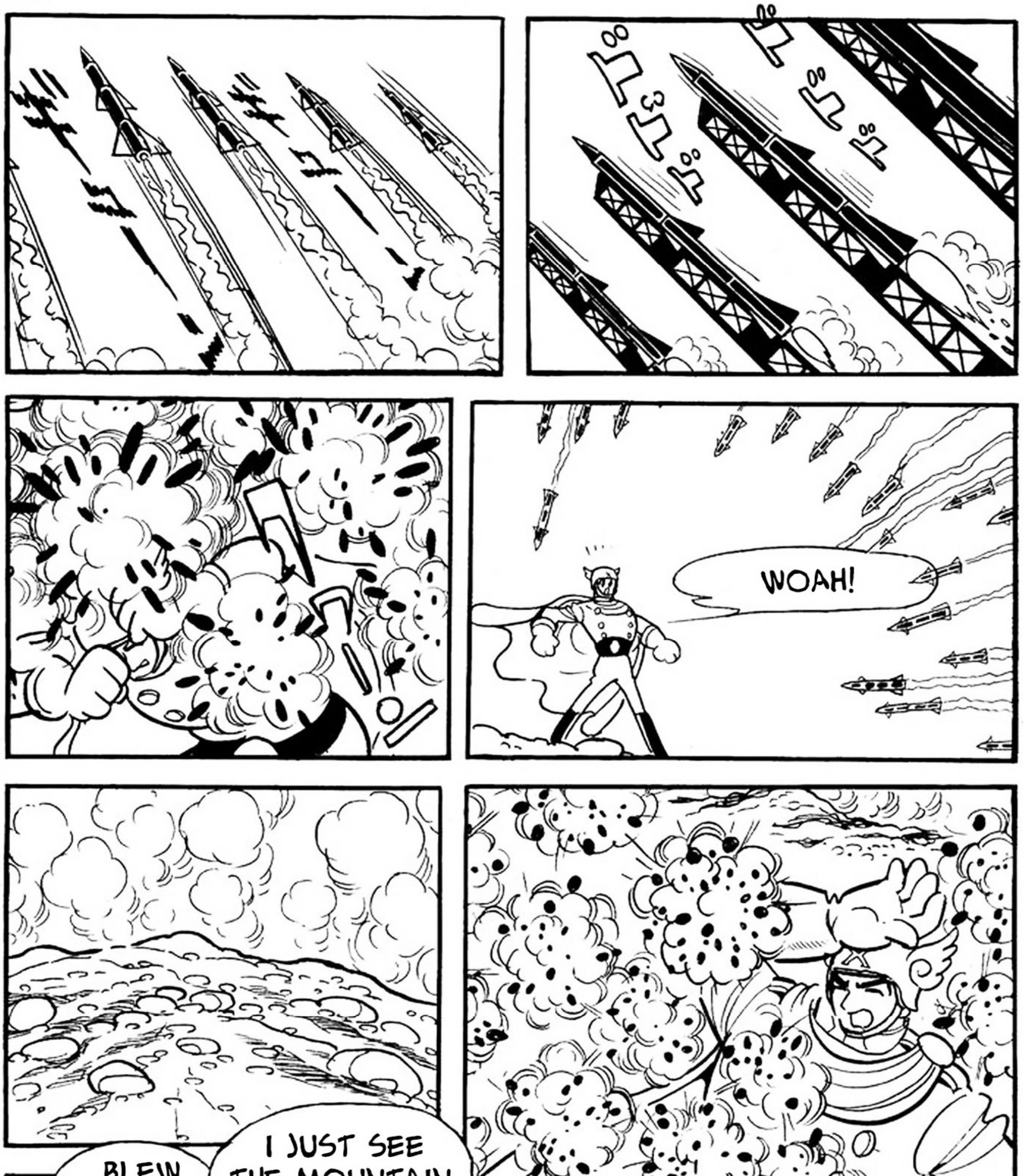

GUNS ARE NO USE! GO TO THE MISSILE BASE AND FIRE!
OKAY IT'S TIME
DOK KRANG GOO
SCRABBLE BANG CRASH
HEHE THIS IS THE REAL BIG X PEN

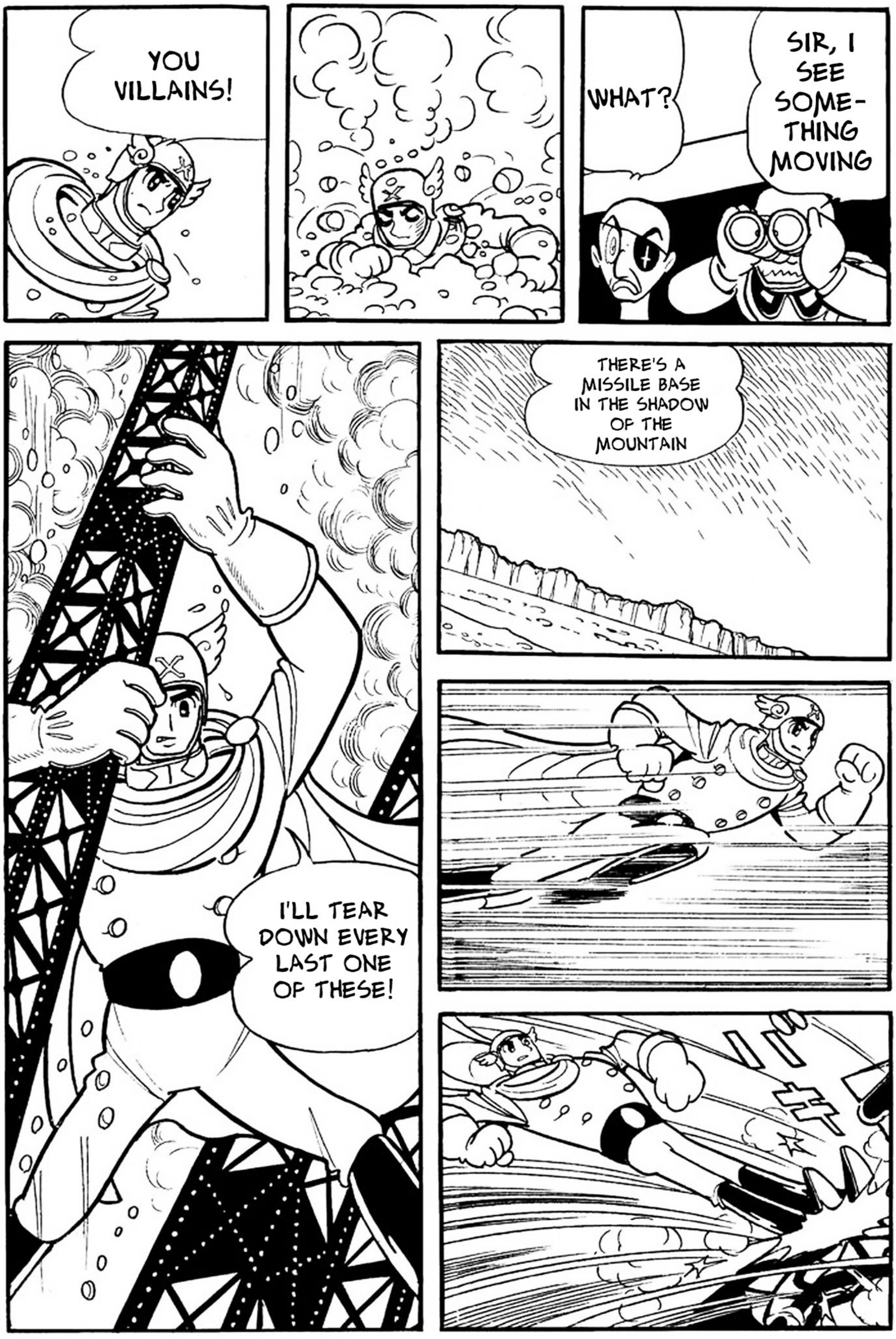

ALRIGHT YA NAZIS. I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME
TURNING IT UP TO 5
EAAYYAAH
D-D-DON'T K-KILL ME!
YOU'RE NOT WORTH KILLING
H-H-HELP MEEE!

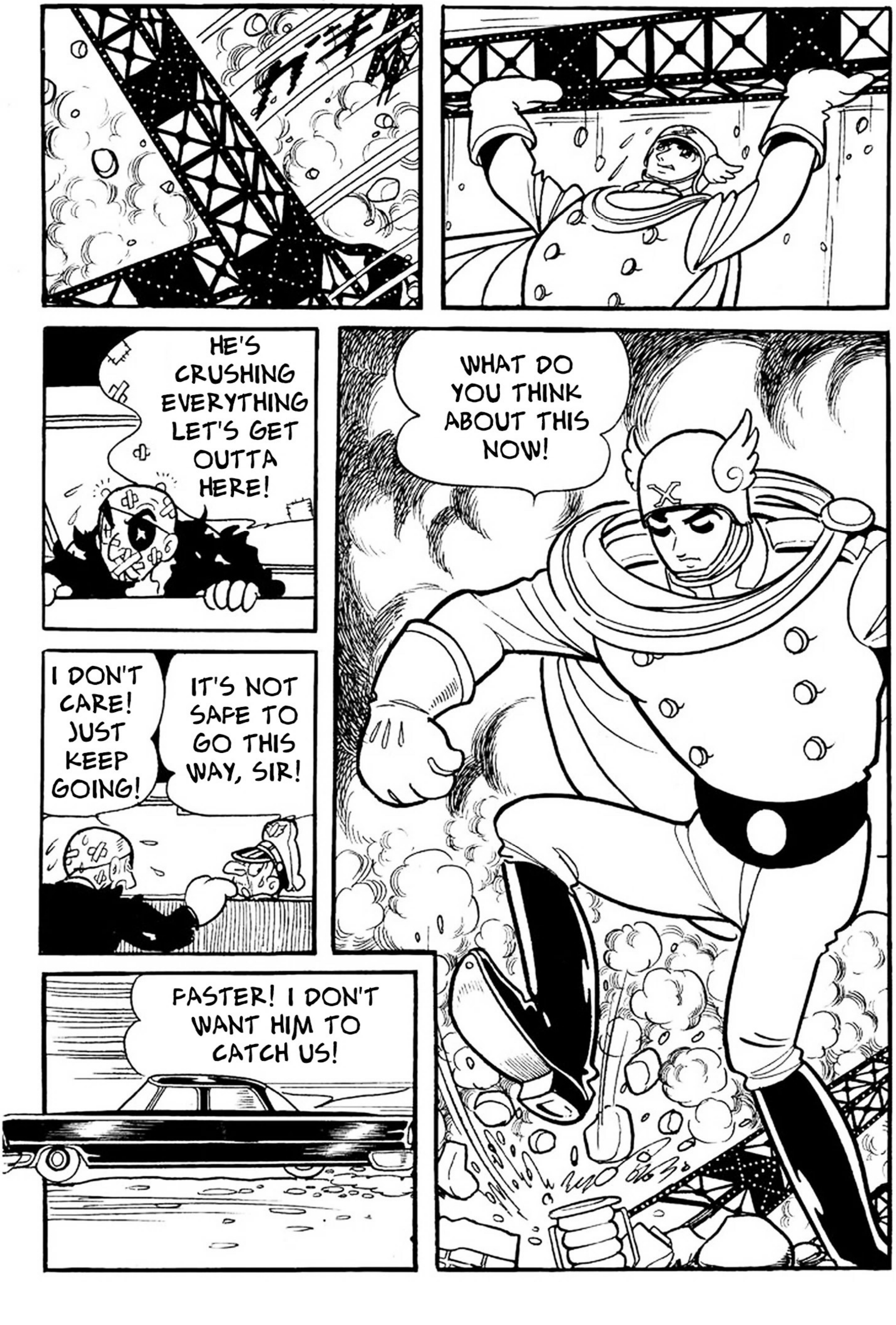

THIS IS THE MACHINE THAT CONTROLS V-3
GO LIVE WITH THE RATS IN THE SEWAGE
OH, IT'S BEEN SHUT OFF...
HEY! THE POWER WENT OUT
UPSTAIRS! THERE'S NO ONE IN THE HALL ANYMORE. COME QUICKLY!
HANS! WHERE ARE YOU? CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I'LL SEE YOU SOON!
HANS! DON'T WORRY! I HAVE BIG X STILL. THE NAZIES DIDN'T GET IT.
ONE DAY I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU. BUT FOR NOW... GOODBYE!

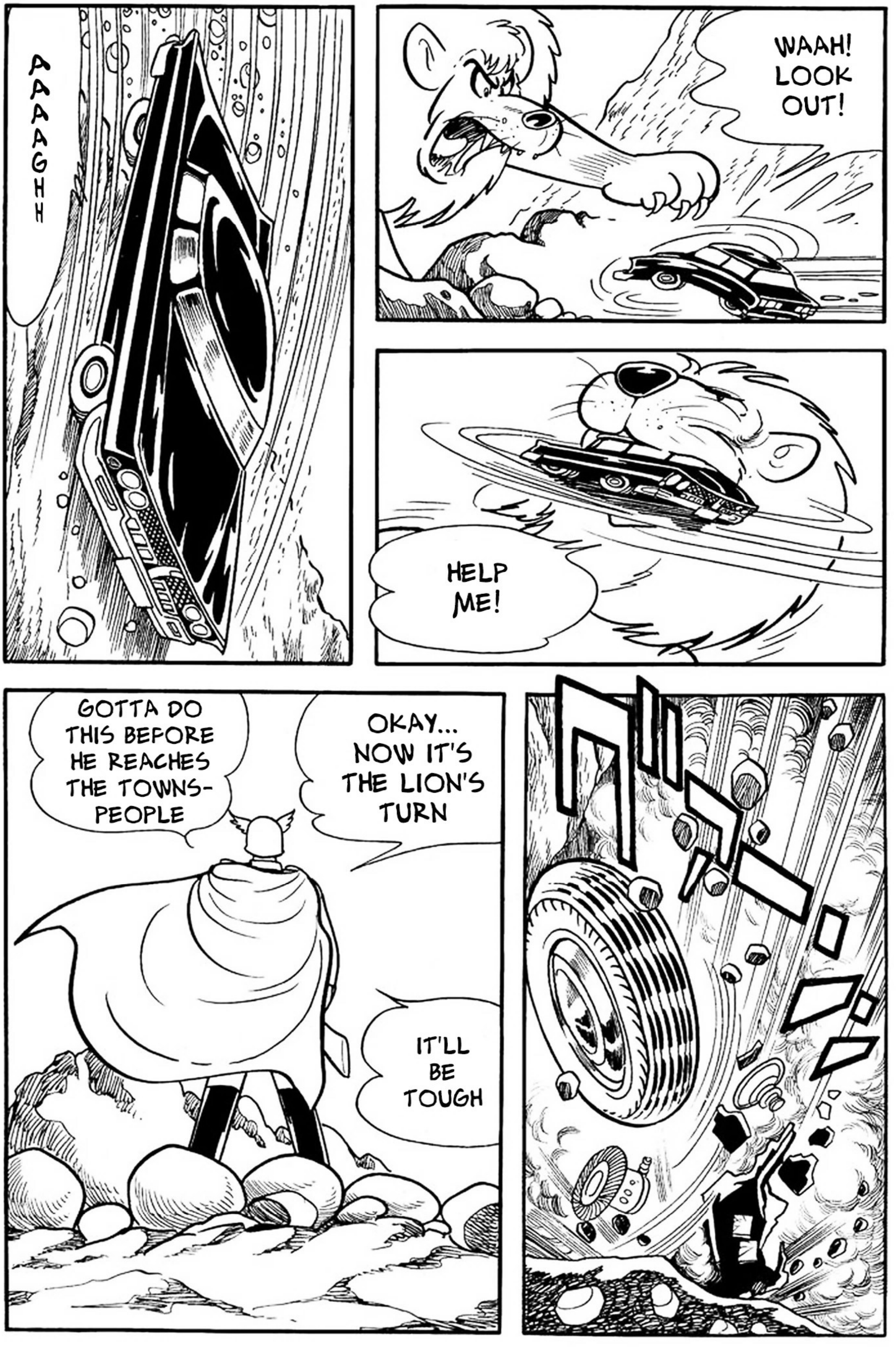

ATTENTION CITIZENS! THE FOOTPRINTS OF A DINOSAUR-SIZED MONSTER HAVE BEEN SPOTTED HEADING TOWARDS A RESIDENTIAL AREA. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT...
HM... THE LION'S HAIR IS FALLING OUT
HE'S ESCAPED OUTSIDE. THIS IS GOING TO BE TROUBLE
DAMMIT... EVERYTHING IS A MESS

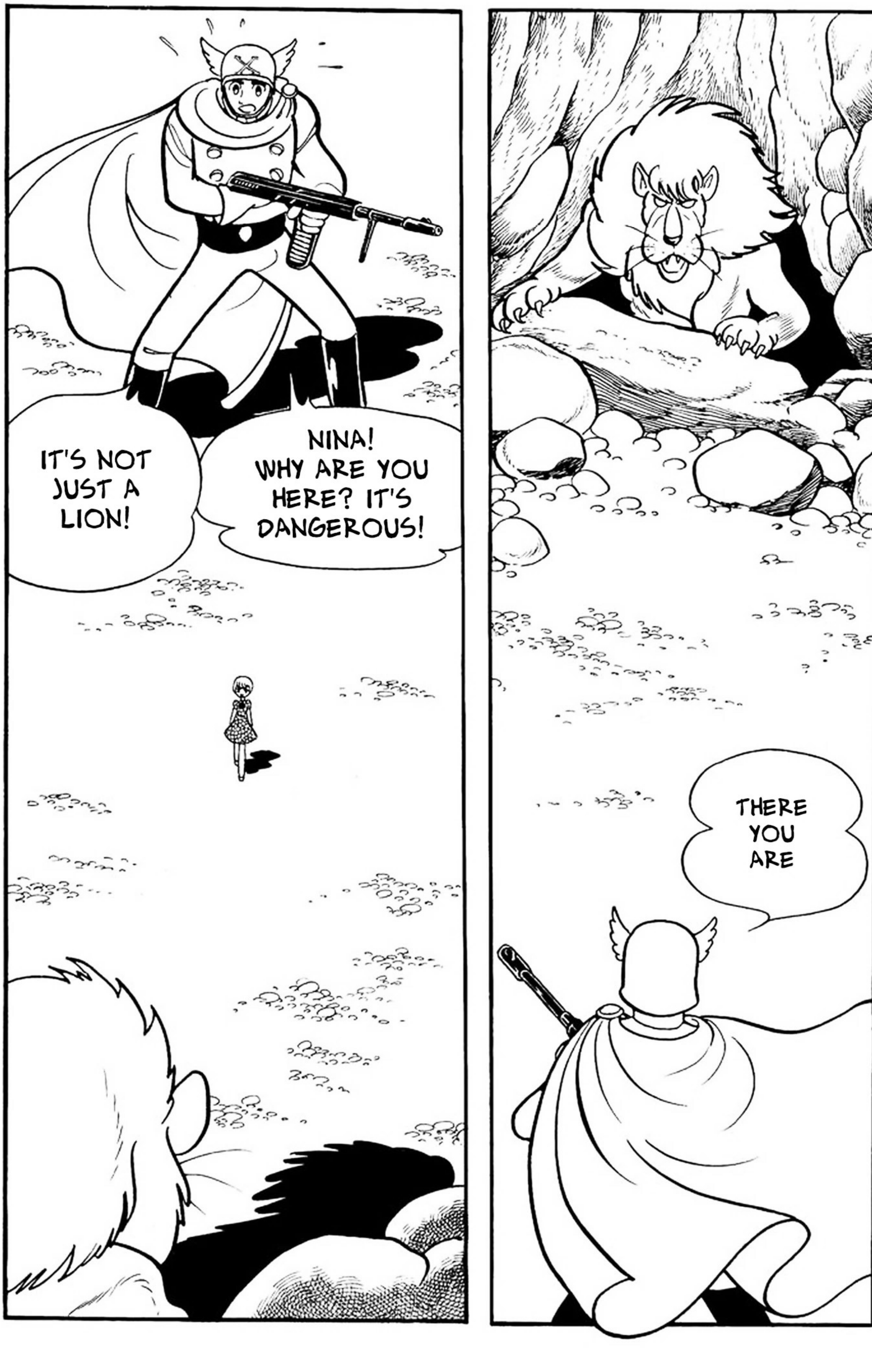

WHETHER THE TARGET IS BIG X OR THE LION, WE'LL TAKE 'EM OUT WITH CONCEN-TRATED FIRE!
ARE YOU READY TO LAUNCH THE MISSILES?
IT'S BIG X!
STAND BY TO LAUNCH MISSILES
TARGET SPOTTED ON THE SLOPE AHEAD!
AT LAST!
FIRE!
50 MISSILES SHOULD TAKE CARE OF BIG X!


WOAH!
BLEW HIM TO PIECES! GOOD WORK!
I JUST SEE THE MOUNTAIN. BIG X IS NOWHERE TO BE SEEN


YOU VILLAINS!
SIR, I SEE SOME-THING MOVING
WHAT?
I'LL TEAR DOWN EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE!
THERE'S A MISSILE BASE IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOUNTAIN


HE'S CRUSHING EVERYTHING LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS NOW!
IT'S NOT SAFE TO GO THIS WAY, SIR!
I DON'T CARE! JUST KEEP GOING!
FASTER! I DON'T WANT HIM TO CATCH US!

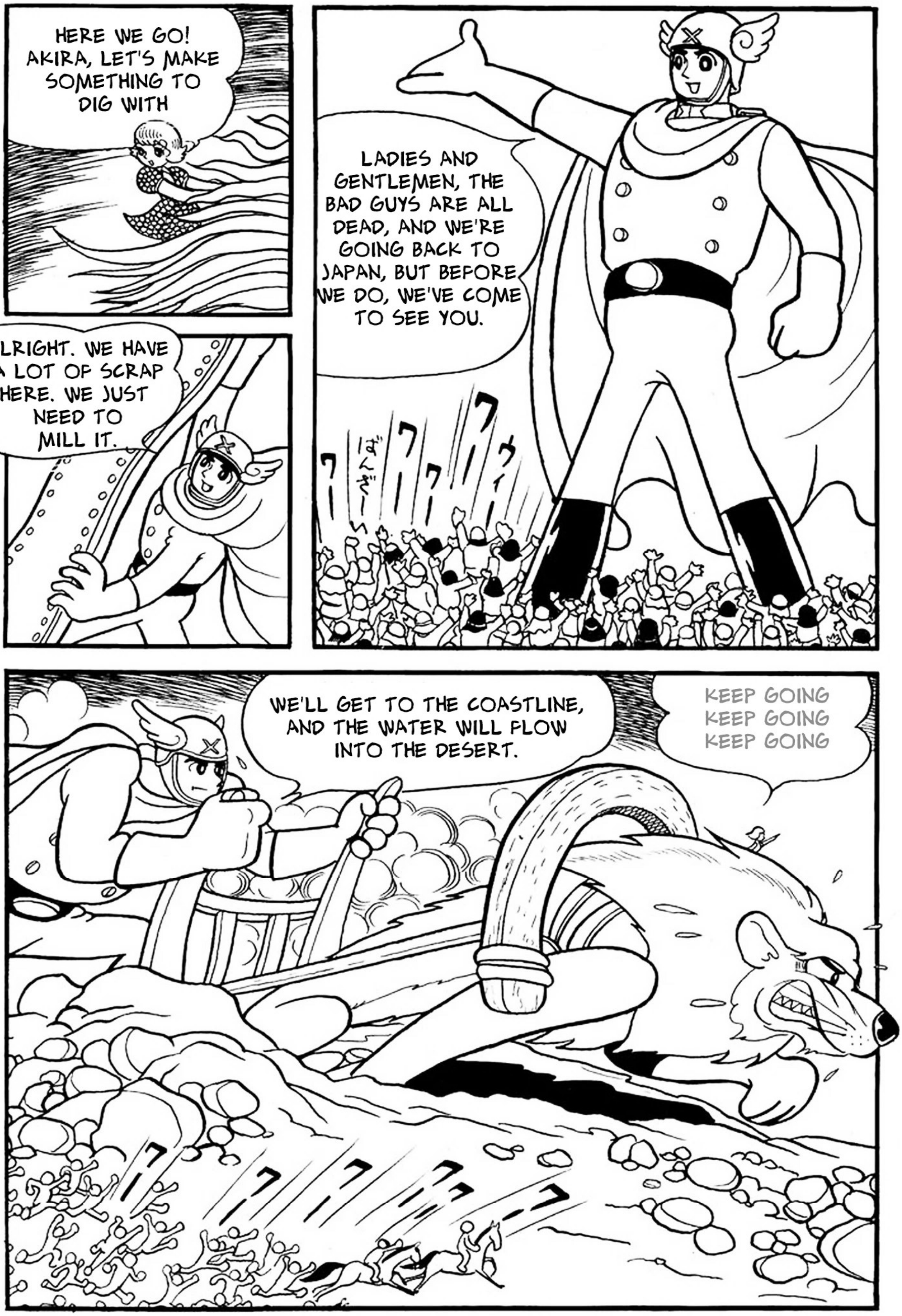

AAAAAGHH
WAAH! LOOK OUT!
HELP ME!
GOTTA DO THIS BEFORE HE REACHES THE TOWNS-PEOPLE
OKAY... NOW IT'S THE LION'S TURN
IT'LL BE TOUGH


THERE YOU ARE
NINA! WHY ARE YOU HERE? IT'S DANGEROUS!
IT'S NOT JUST A LION!

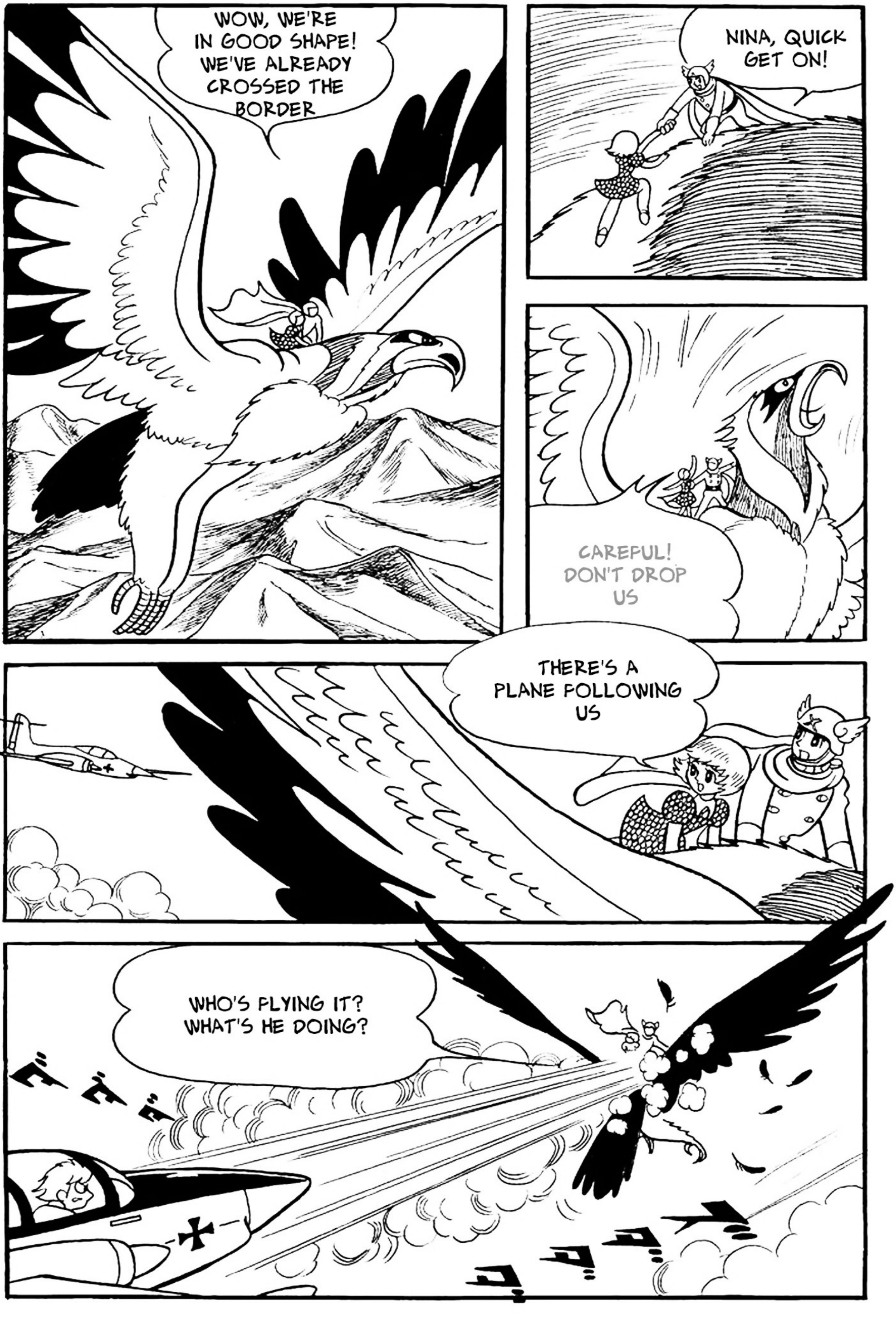

LET ME HANDLE THIS
SIT DOWN AND STAY
OOHH! NINA!
THERE. YOU CAN LAY DOWN. YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO FIGHT HUMANS AGAIN
YOU'RE THE NICEST LION IN THE WORLD. AS GENTLE AS A SHEEP
A FIERCE BEAST WILL AGREE TO ANYTHING IF YOU'RE NICE TO IT
THAT'S GREAT NINA!
GOOD NIGHT! YOU'LL TURN REGULAR SIZE WHILE YOU SLEEP

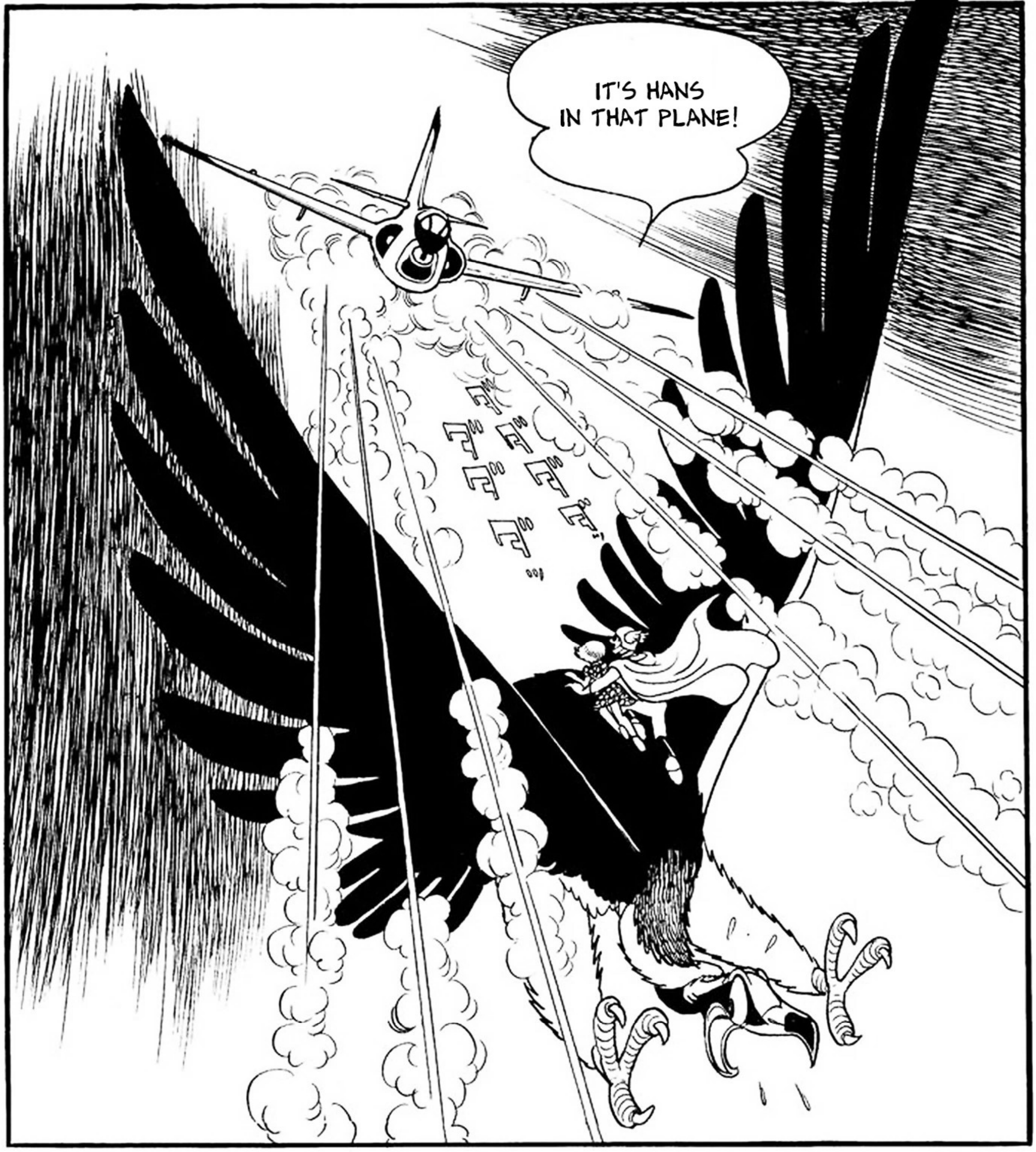


REMEMBER THE POOR VILLAGE AT THE END OF THE DESERT? YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY THEY'D BE IF YOU BROUGHT THEM WATER.
THERE'S SOME-THING GOOD I WOULD LIKE TO DO WITH THIS LION
RWARW...
COME WITH US... WE HAVE WORK TO DO
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA
LOOK OUT IN THE DESERT! A GIANT MAN AND LION! LOOK, IT'S BIG X!

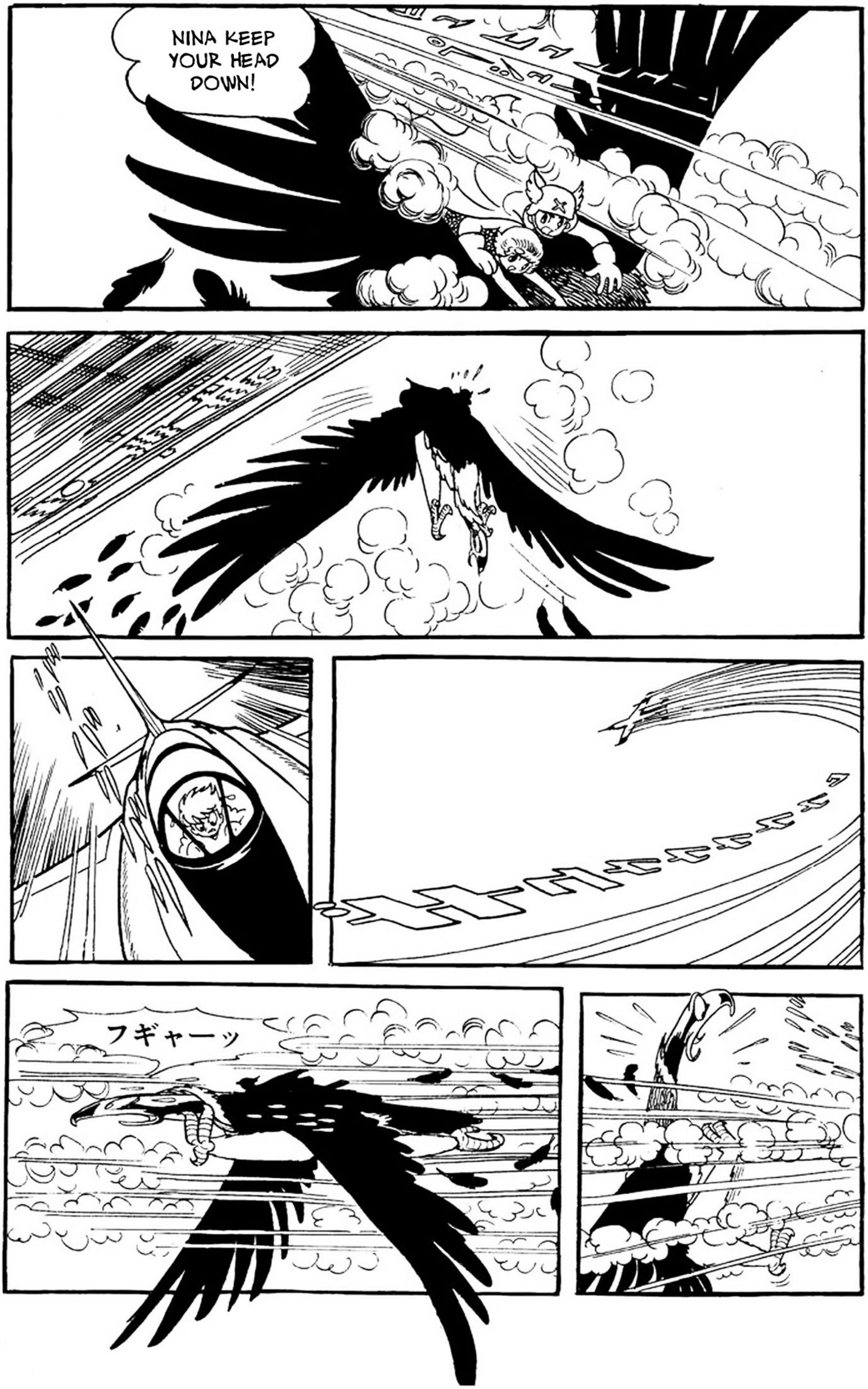

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE BAD GUYS ARE ALL DEAD, AND WE'RE GOING BACK TO JAPAN, BUT BEFORE WE DO, WE'VE COME TO SEE YOU.
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HERE WE GO! AKIRA, LET'S MAKE SOMETHING TO DIG WITH
ALRIGHT. WE HAVE A LOT OF SCRAP HERE. WE JUST NEED TO MILL IT.
KEEP GOING
KEEP GOING
KEEP GOING
WE'LL GET TO THE COASTLINE, AND THE WATER WILL FLOW INTO THE DESERT.


LOOK! THERE'S THE OCEAN!
HMM
WE'VE DUG TO THE OCEAN, LET IT FLOW TO THE END OF THE DESERT!
THANK YOU SO MUCH BIG X!
WOW OUR VILLAGE HAS WATER!
IT'S WATER!
WOW! WATER!
GOOD! LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT
I THINK IT CAN MAKE IT TO JAPAN
I'LL CALL A BIRD...
NOW IT'S TIME TO GO
I'M SURE THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE WILL BE HAPPY

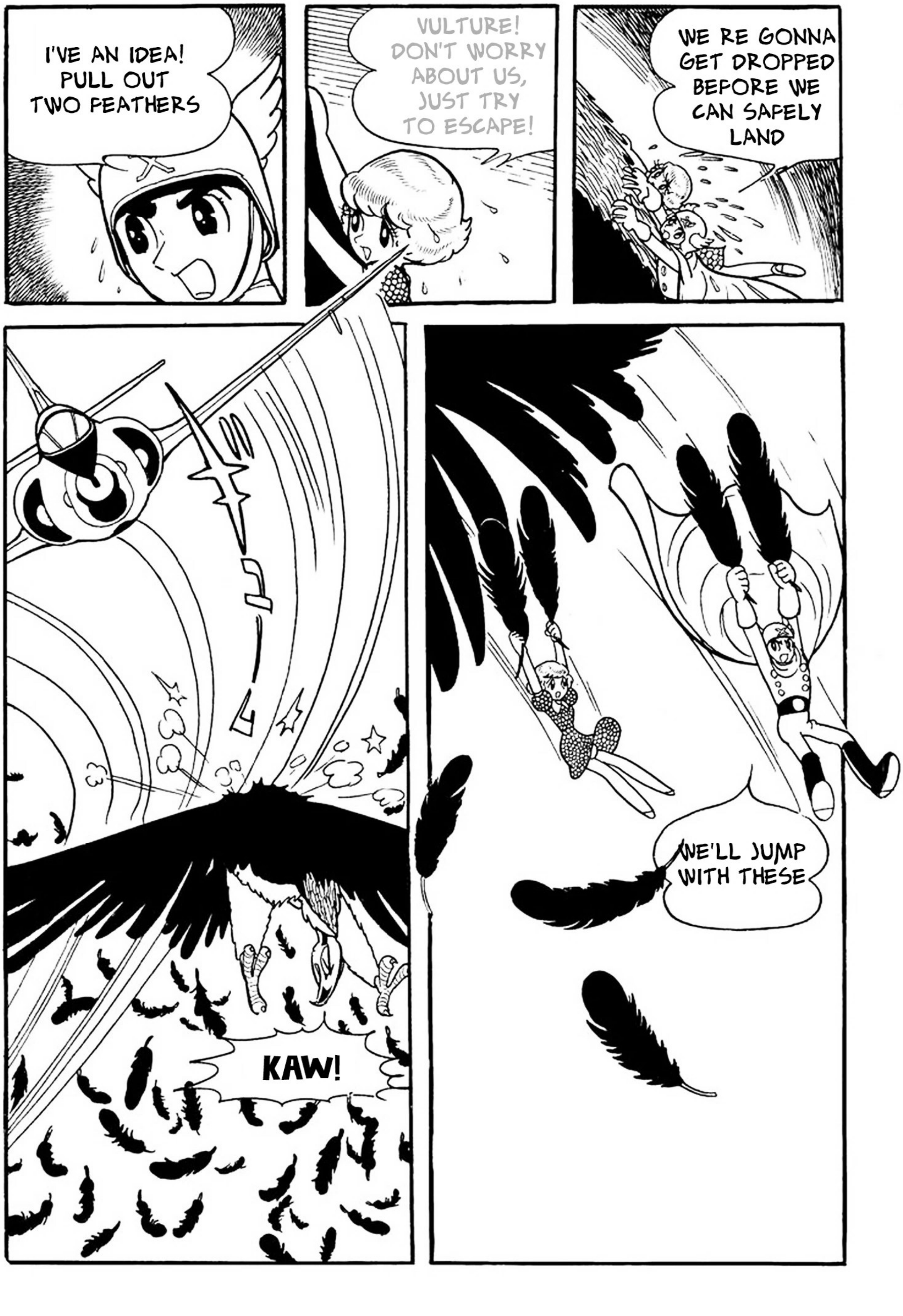

WOW, WE'RE IN GOOD SHAPE! WE'VE ALREADY CROSSED THE BORDER
NINA, QUICK GET ON!
CAREFUL! DON'T DROP US
THERE'S A PLANE FOLLOWING US
WHO'S FLYING IT? WHAT'S HE DOING?

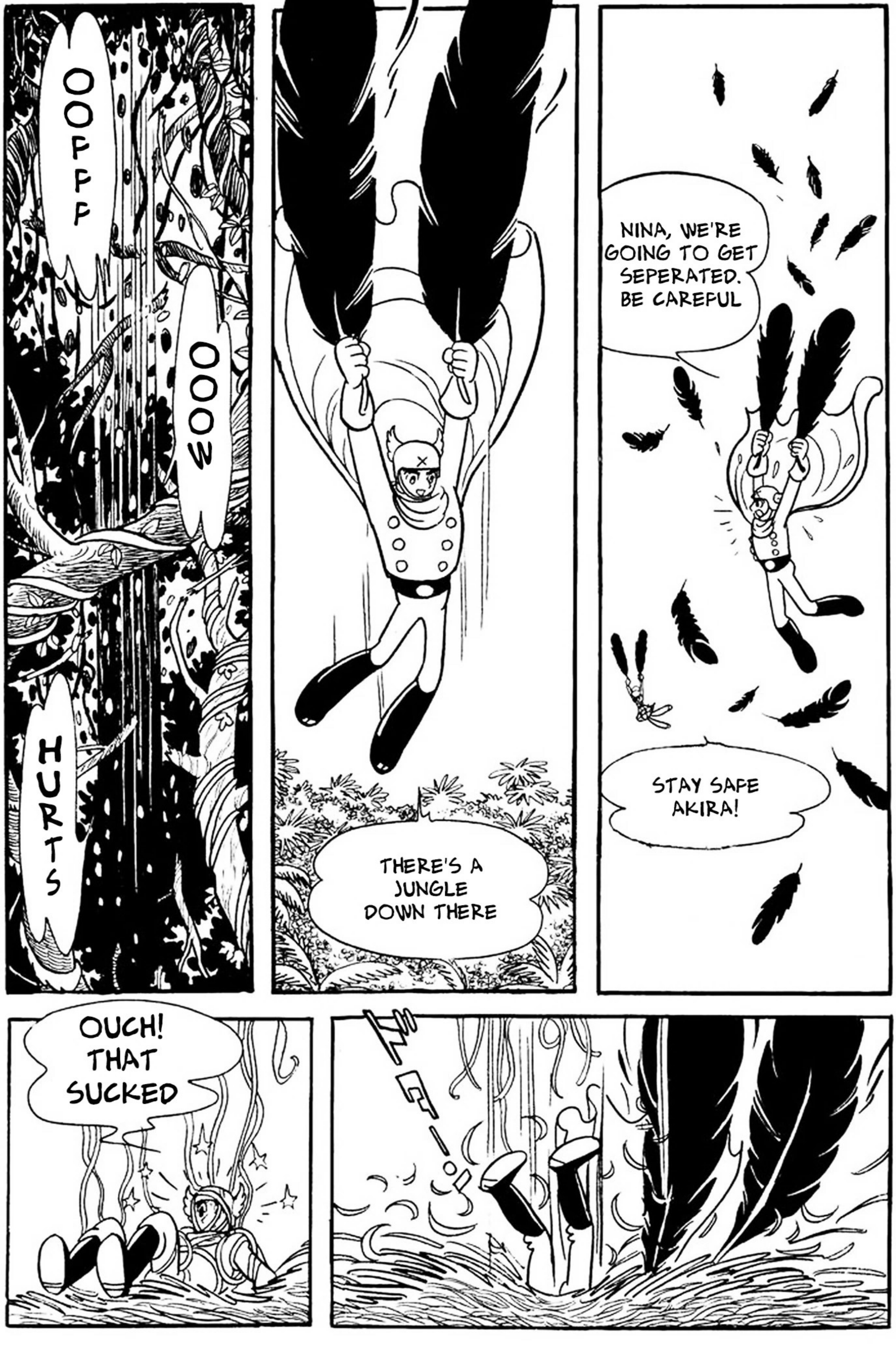

IT'S HANS
IN THAT PLANE!

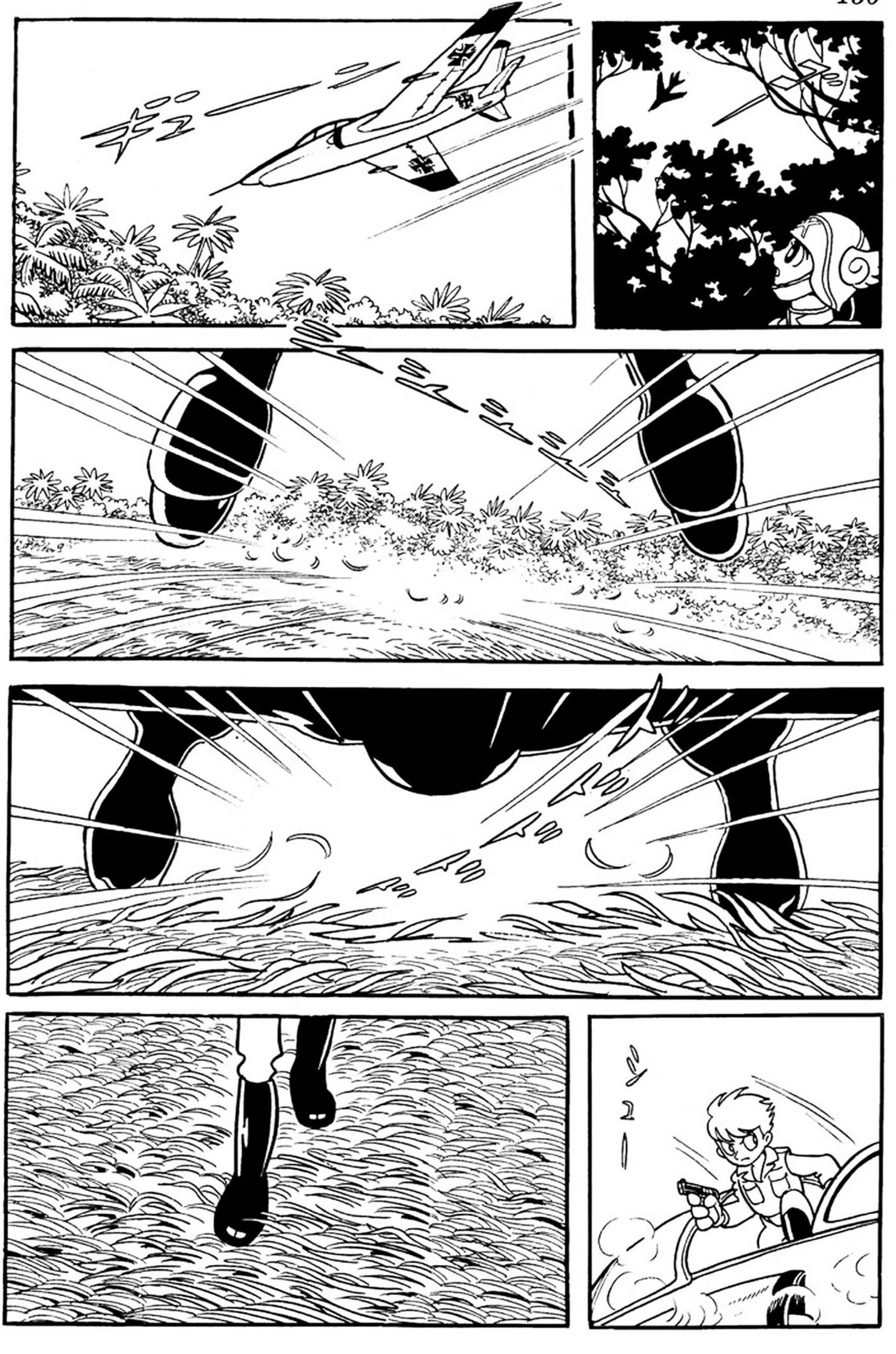

THIS TIME
I'LL GET THE
DRUG BACK FROM
YOU BIG X!

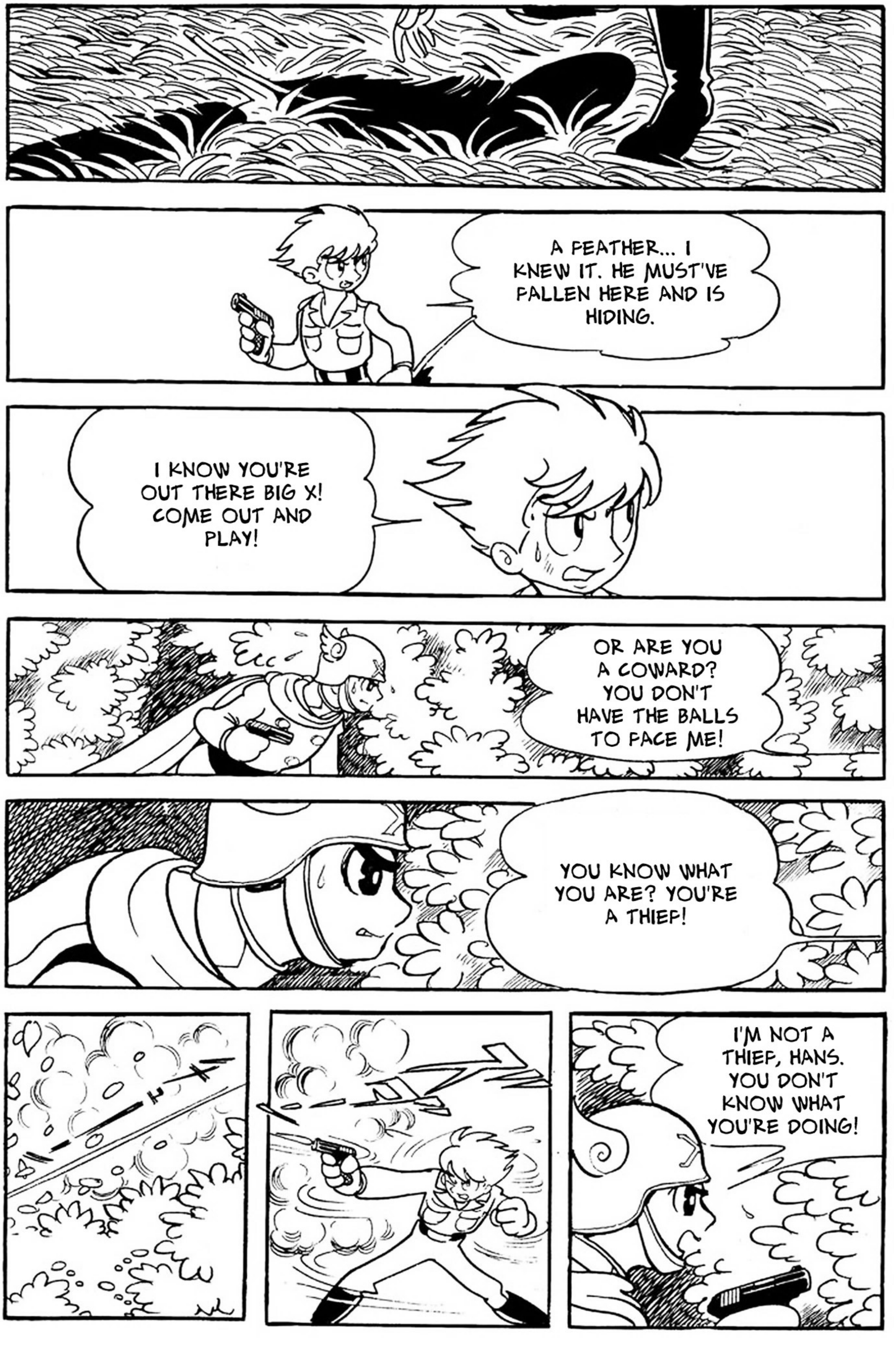

NINA KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN!
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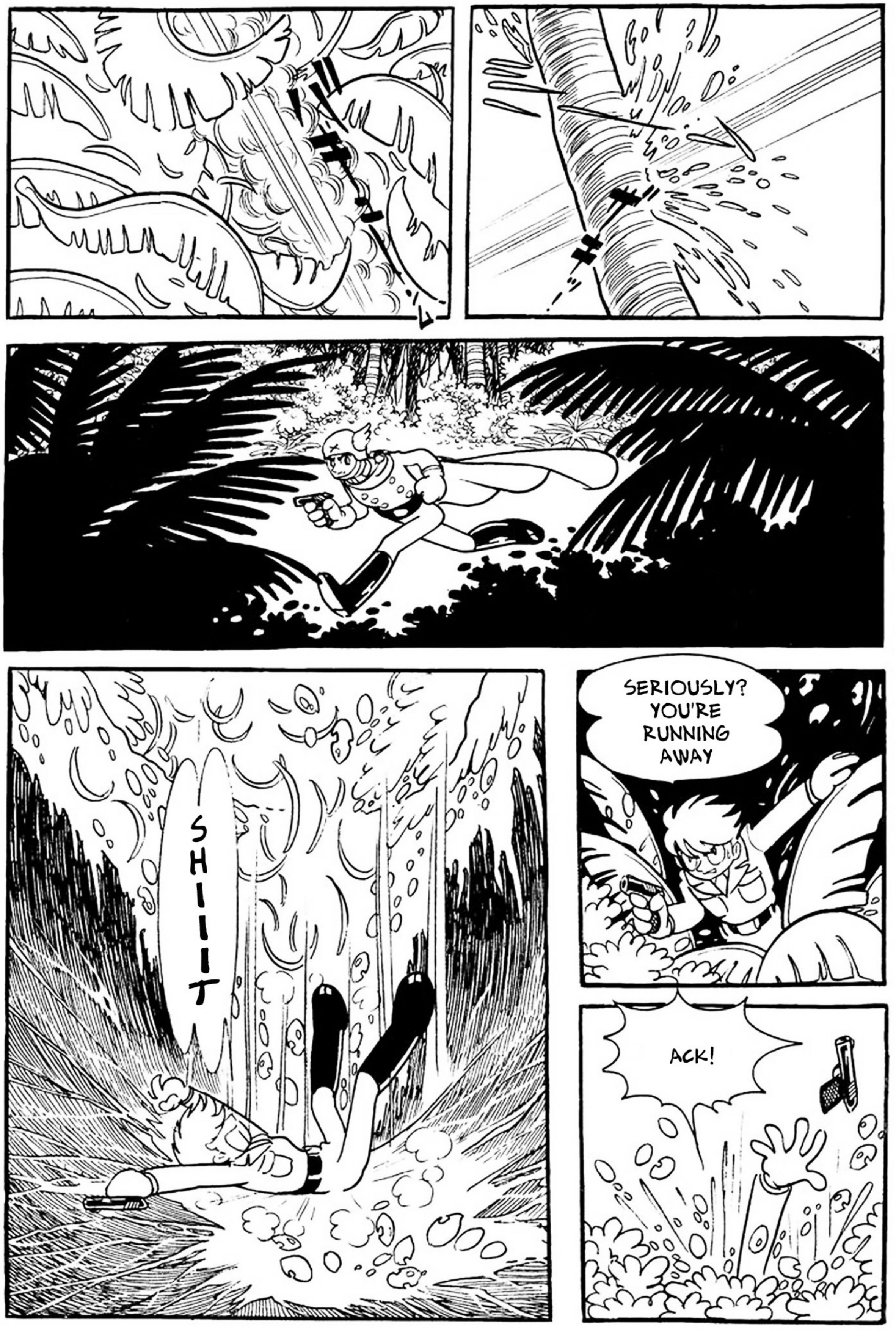

NINA, I WANT YOU TO REASSURE THE VULTURE THAT AS LONG AS THE DRUG IS IN ITS SYSTEM, IT'S SAFE FROM BULLETS. WE'LL BE FINE.
I CAN'T! THE SOUND OF THE GUNS ARE FREAKING HIM OUT ANDKEEPING ME FROM GETTING THROUGH TO HIM!
KAW!
THIS IS IT FOR YOU!


I'VE AN IDEA! PULL OUT TWO FEATHERS
VULTURE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, JUST TRY TO ESCAPE!
WE RE GONNA GET DROPPED BEFORE WE CAN SAFELY LAND
KAW!
WE'LL JUMP WITH THESE


NINA, WE'RE GOING TO GET SEPERATED. BE CAREFUL
STAY SAFE AKIRA!
THERE'S A JUNGLE DOWN THERE
OOFFF
OOOW
HURTS
OUCH! THAT SUCKED


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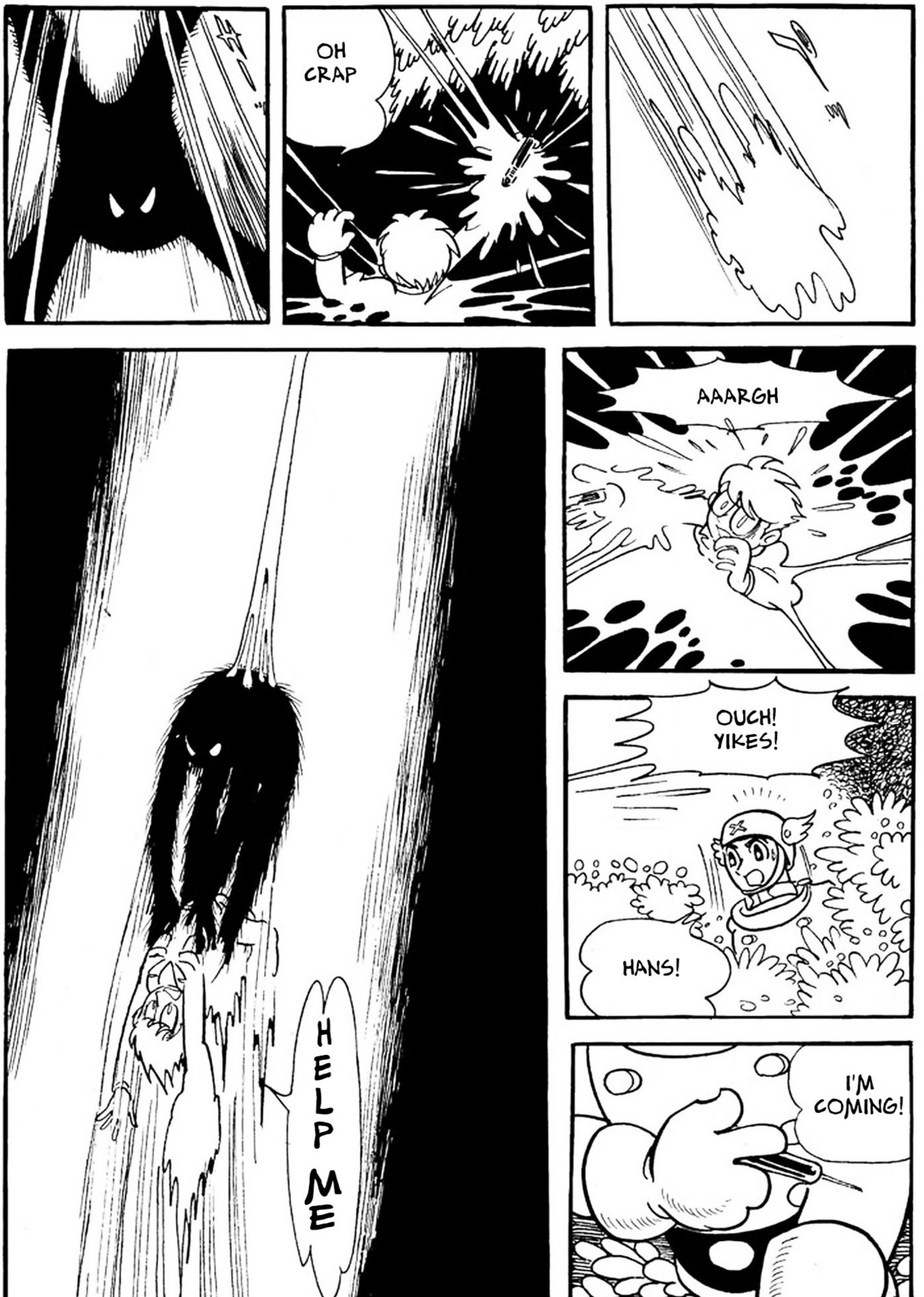

A FEATHER... I KNEW IT. HE MUST'VE FALLEN HERE AND IS HIDING.
I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE BIG X! COME OUT AND PLAY!
OR ARE YOU A COWARD? YOU DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO FACE ME!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE? YOU'RE A THIEF!
I'M NOT A THIEF, HANS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

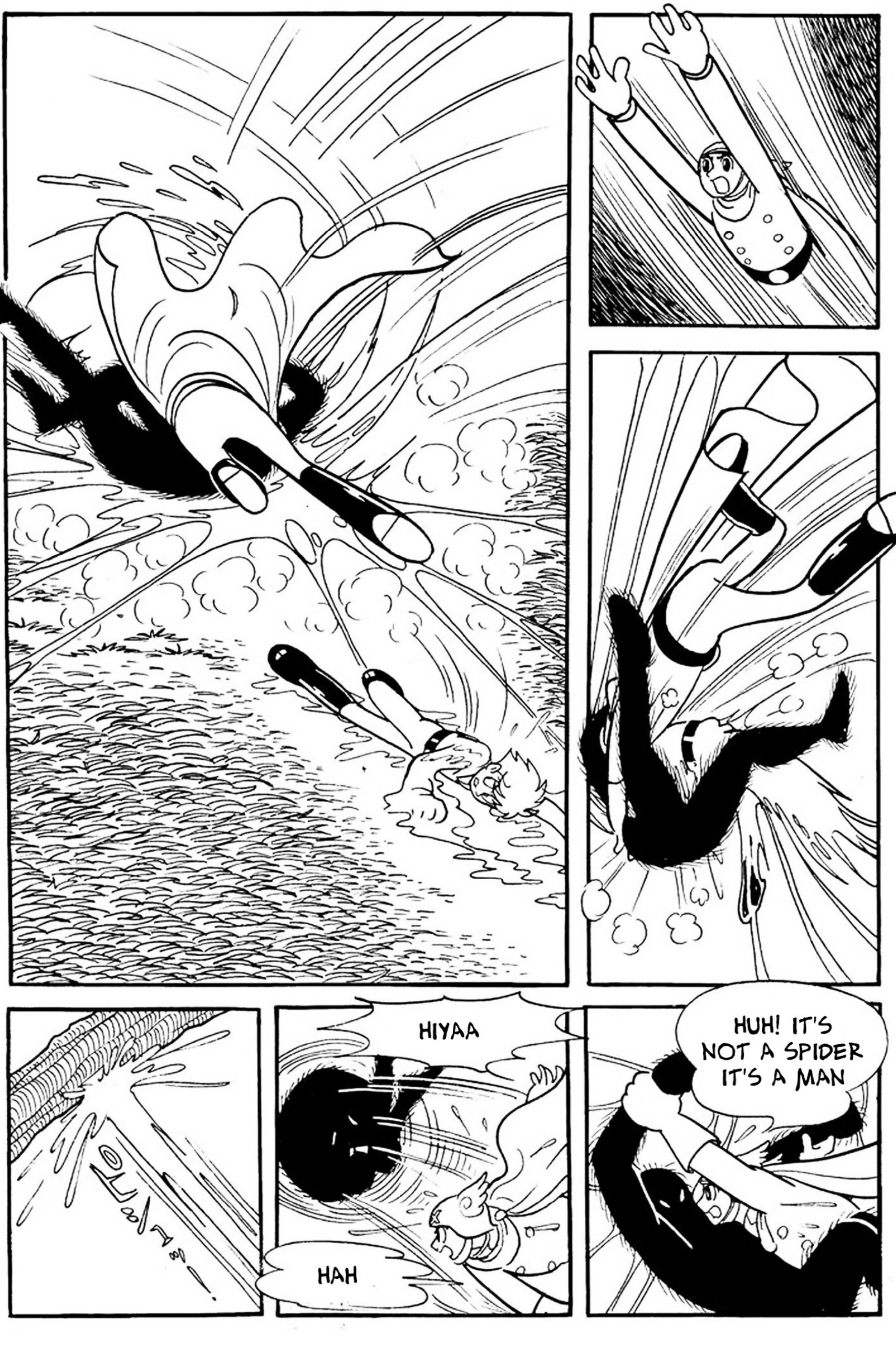

SERIOUSLY? YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY
ACK!
SHIIIT

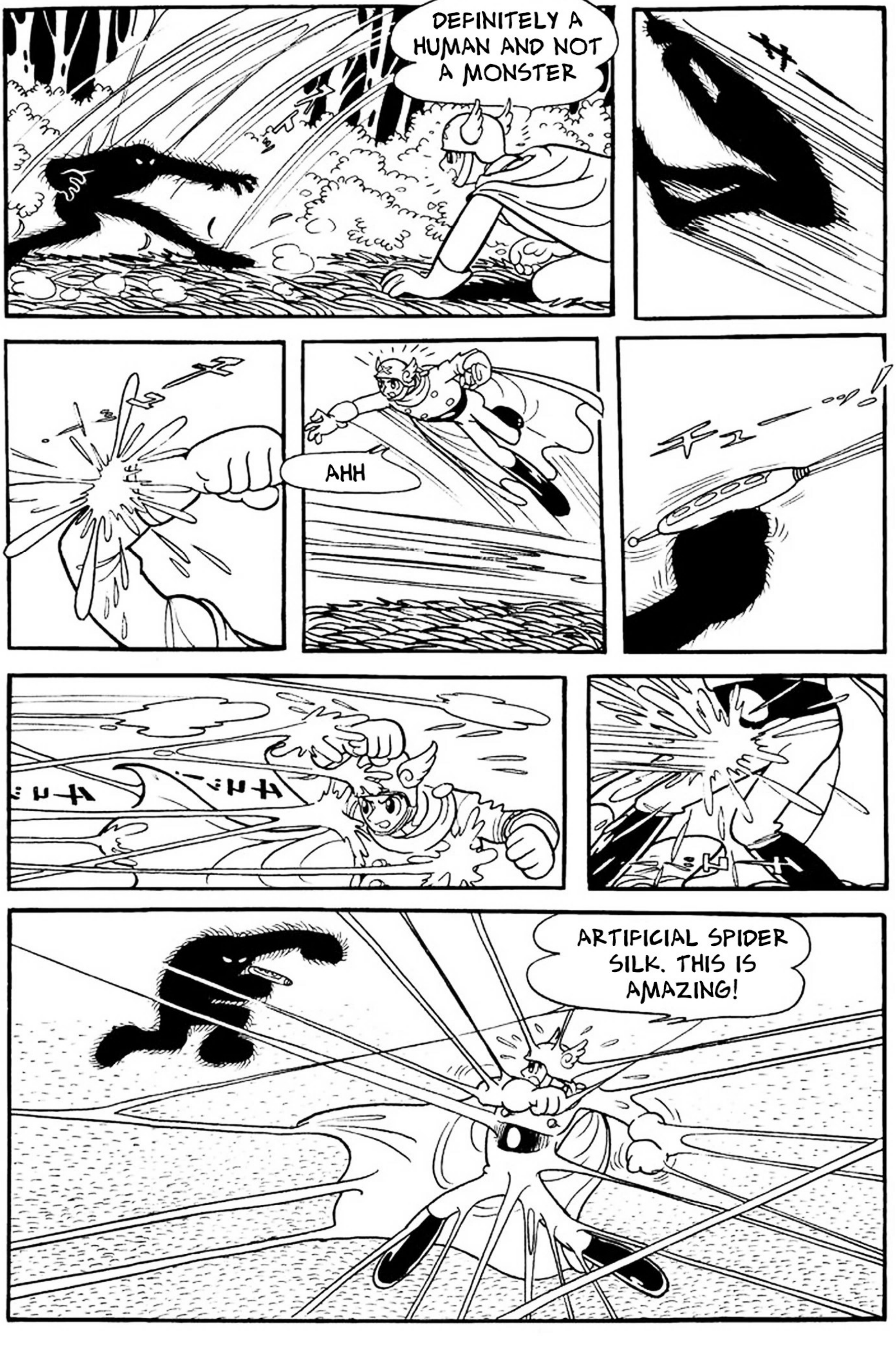
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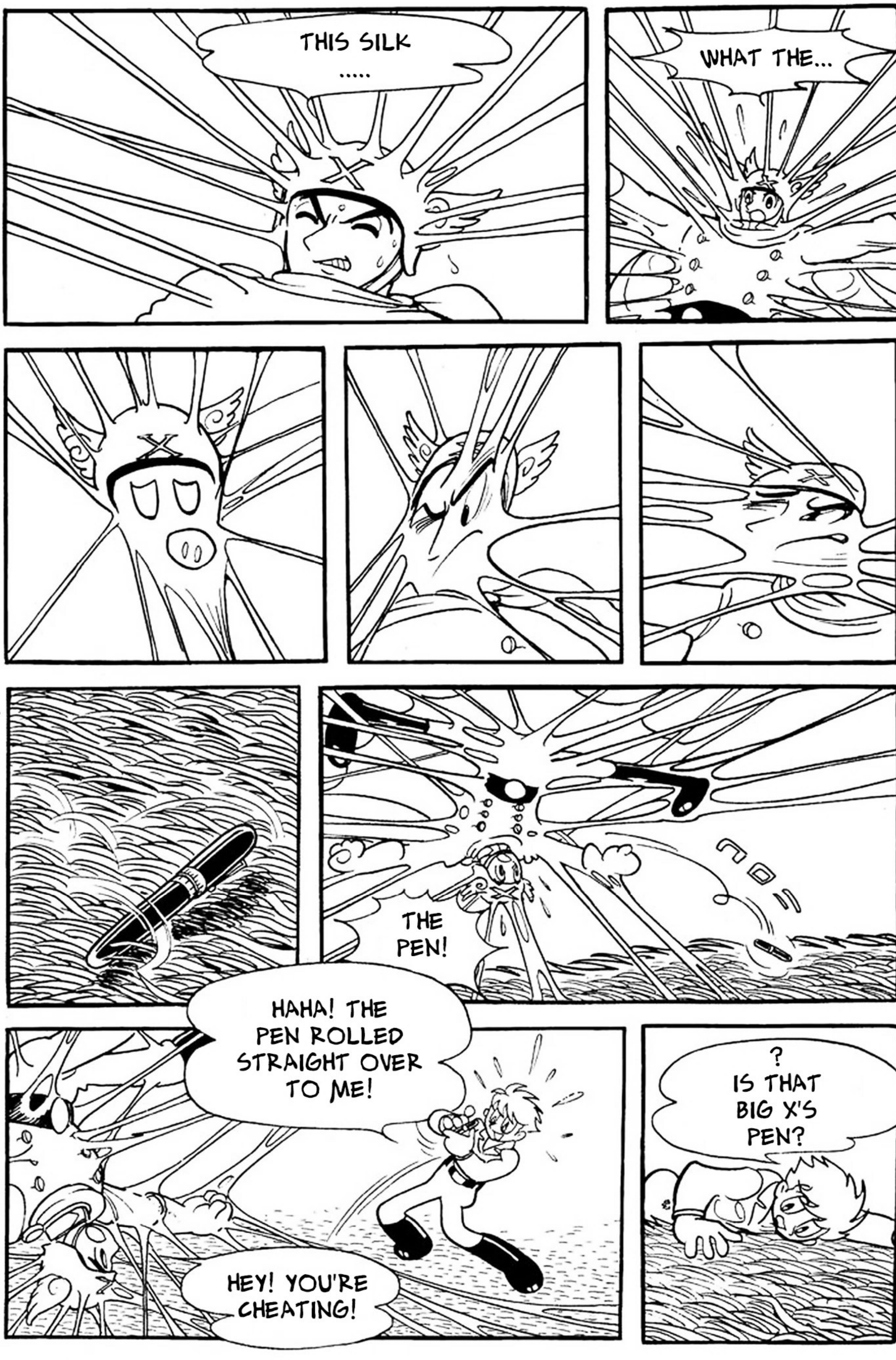
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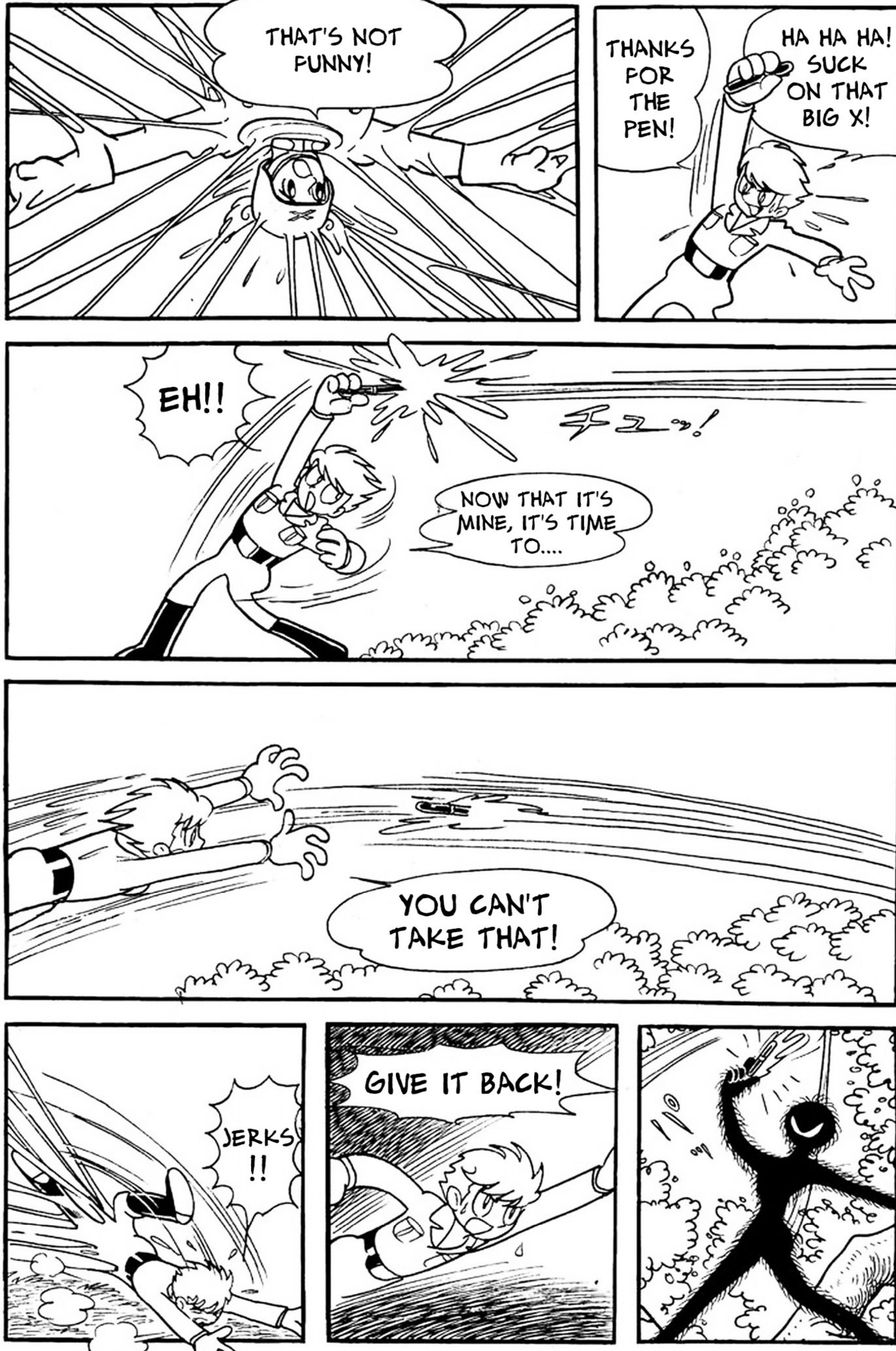

WHAT? WHAT IS THIS? IT'S LIKE RICE PUDDING.
WHO WOULD PUT A PIT IN THIS PLACE?
OH, IT'S SPIDER SILK
HERE COMES A BIG SPIDER
I'M STUCK IN A BAD PLACE!

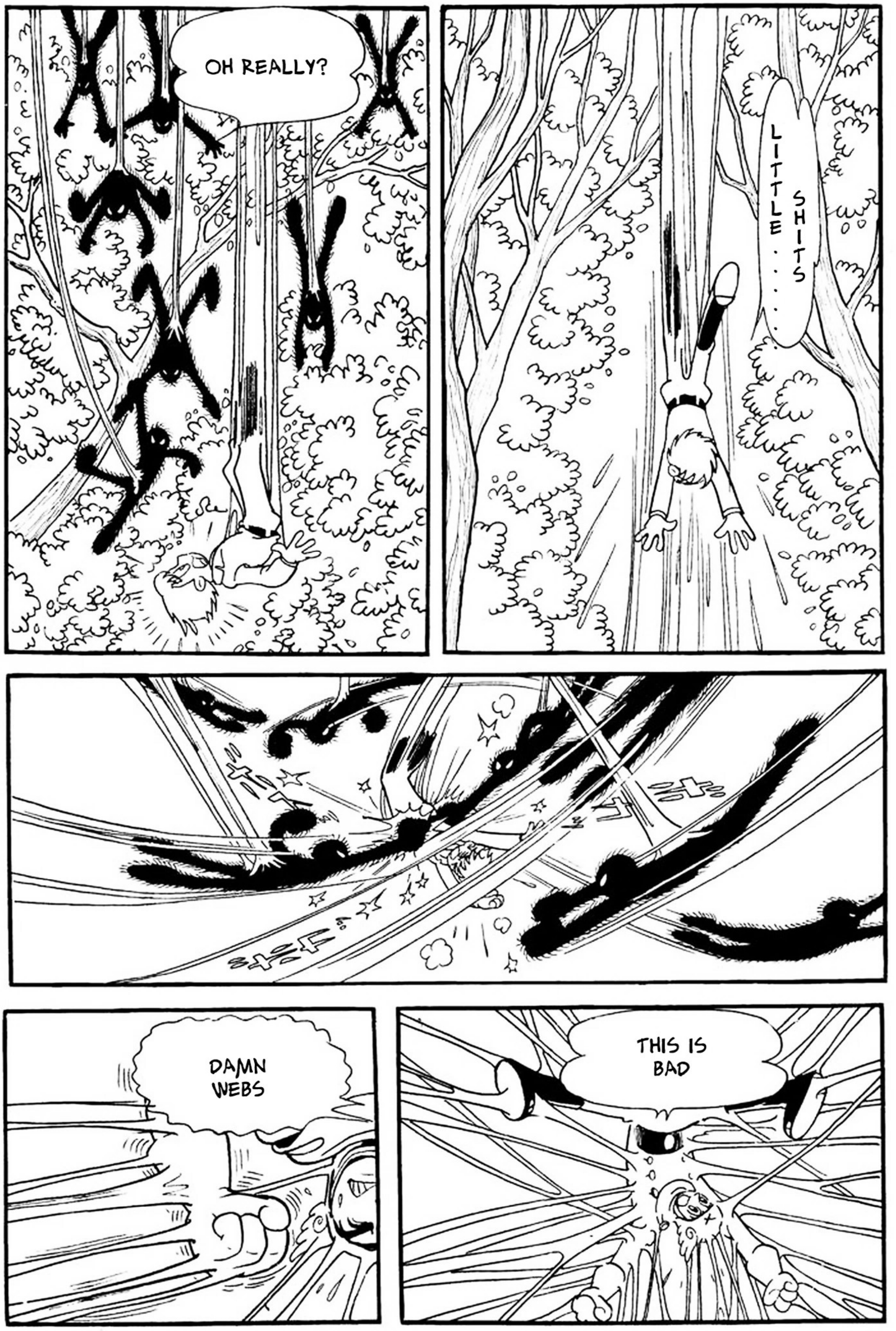

OH CRAP
AAARGH
HELP ME
OUCH! YIKES!
HANS!
I'M COMING!

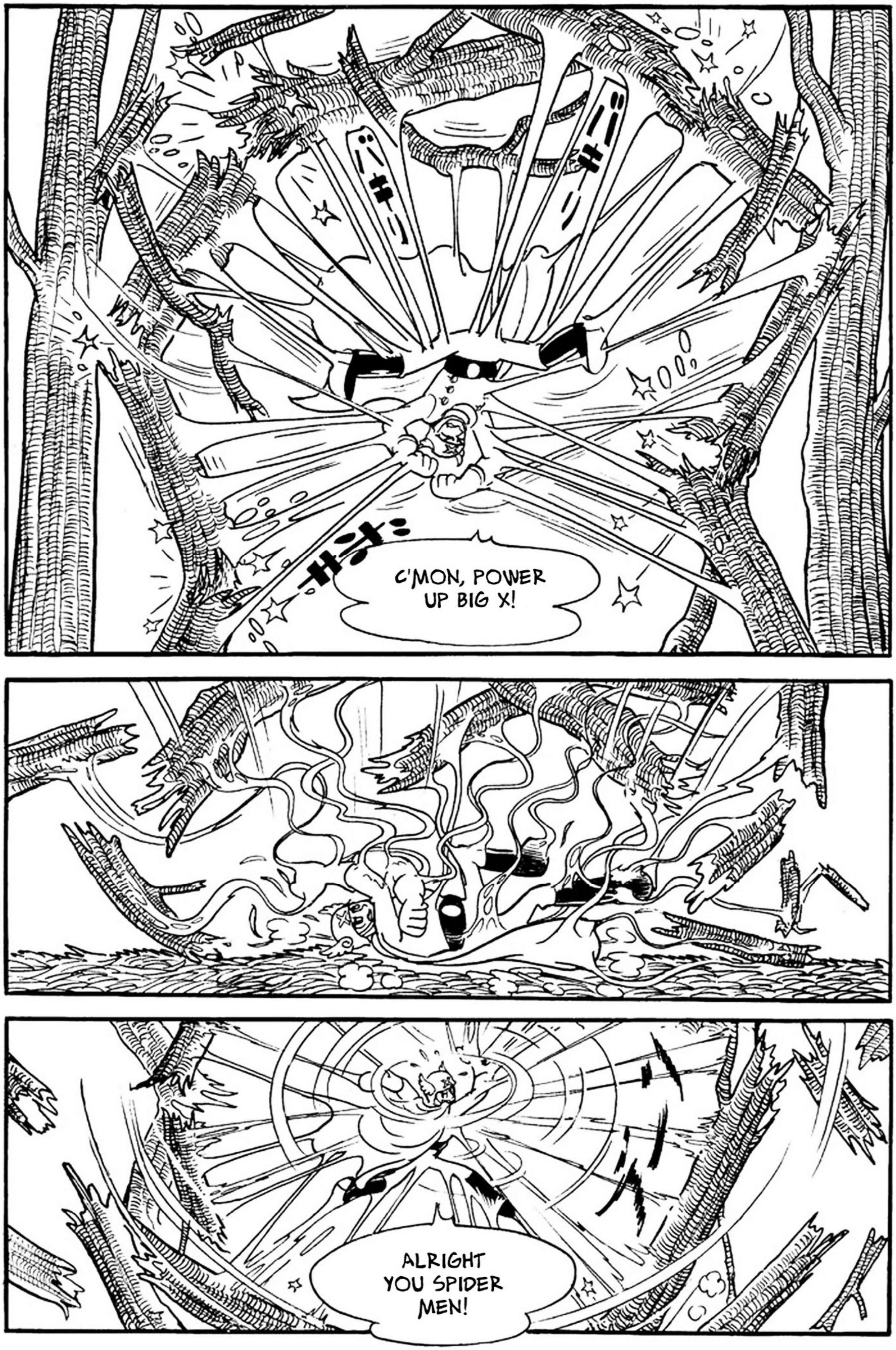

HIYAA
HAH
HUH! IT'S NOT A SPIDER IT'S A MAN

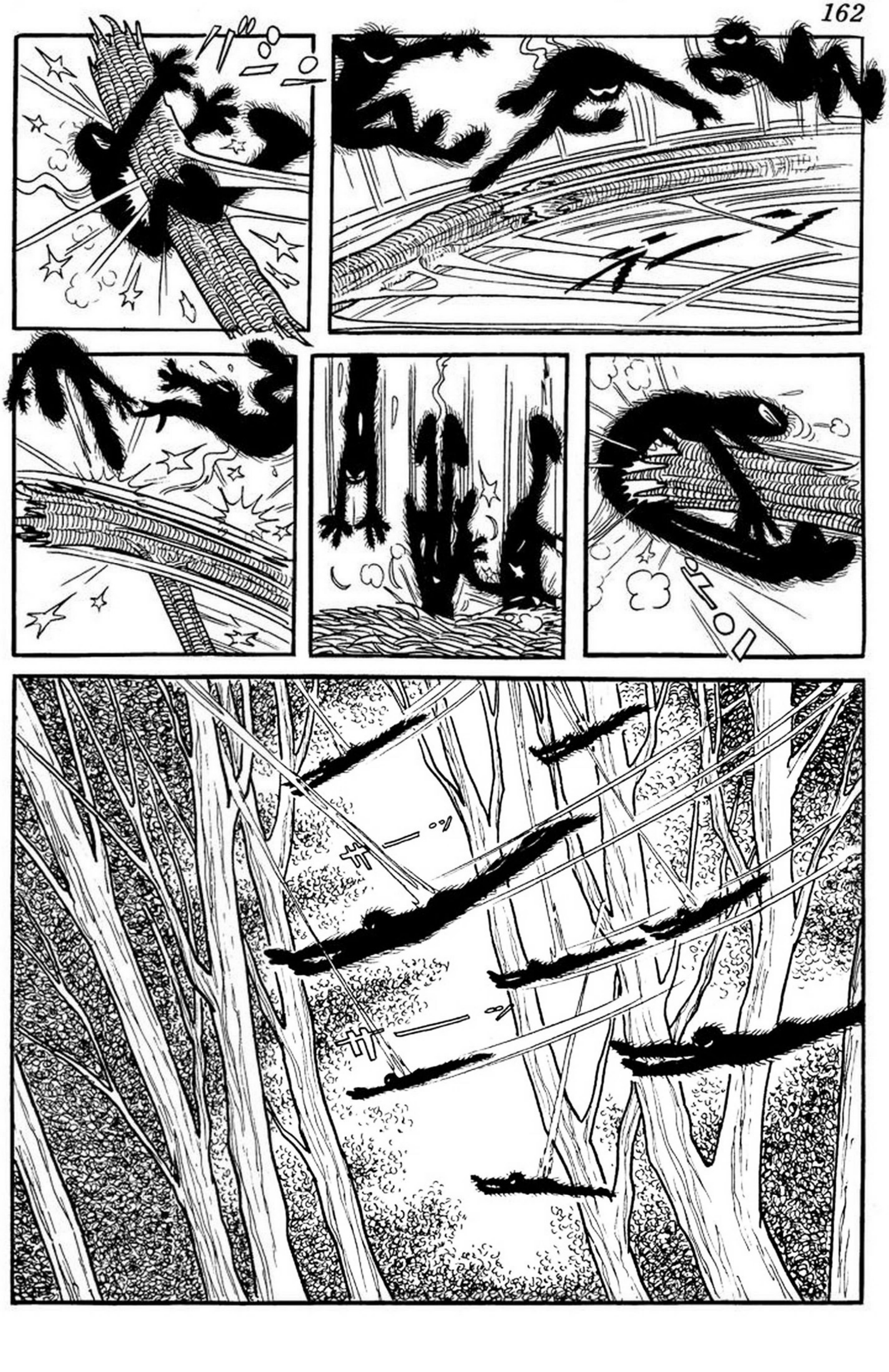

DEFINITELY A HUMAN AND NOT A MONSTER
AHH
ARTIFICIAL SPIDER SILK. THIS IS AMAZING!


THIS SILK .....
WHAT THE...
THE PEN!
HAHA! THE PEN ROLLED STRAIGHT OVER TO ME!
HEY! YOU'RE CHEATING!
? IS THAT BIG X'S PEN?


THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
THANKS FOR THE PEN!
HA HA HA! SUCK ON THAT BIG X!
EH!!
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NOW THAT IT'S MINE, IT'S TIME TO....
YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT!
JERKS !!
GIVE IT BACK!

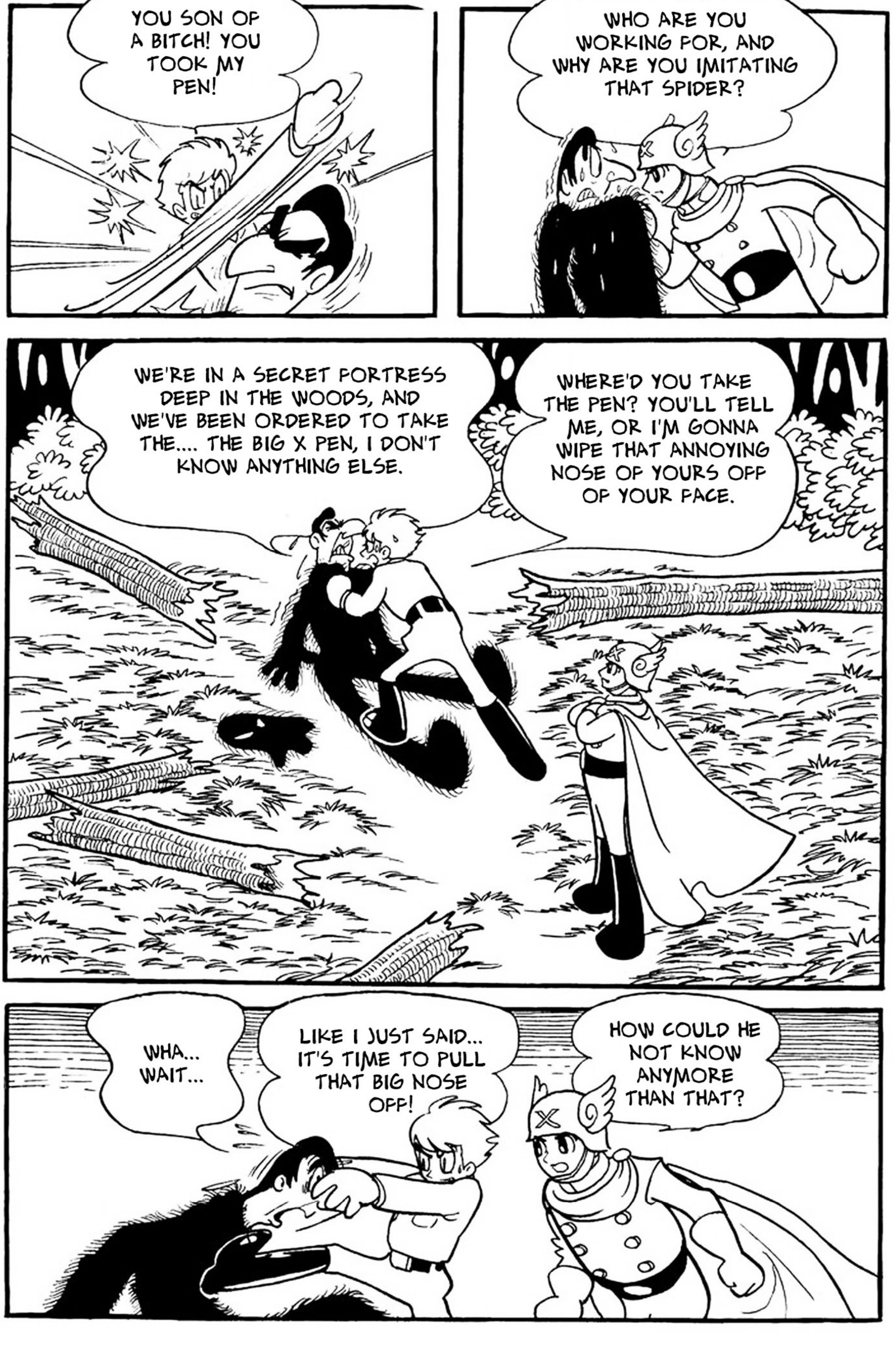

LITTLE SHITS.....
OH REALLY?
THIS IS BAD
DAMN WEBS

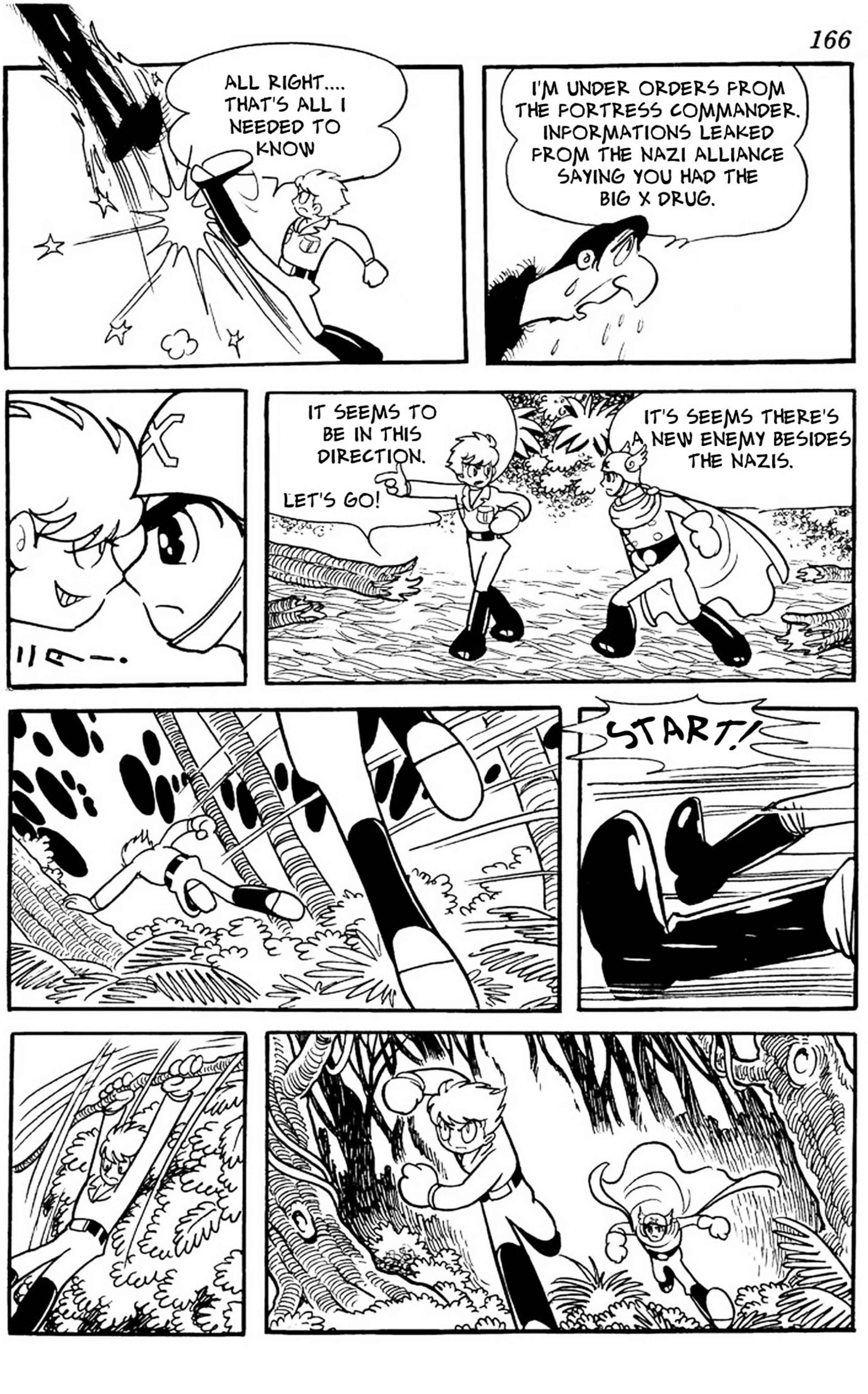

C'MON, POWER UP BIG X!
ALRIGHT YOU SPIDER MEN!

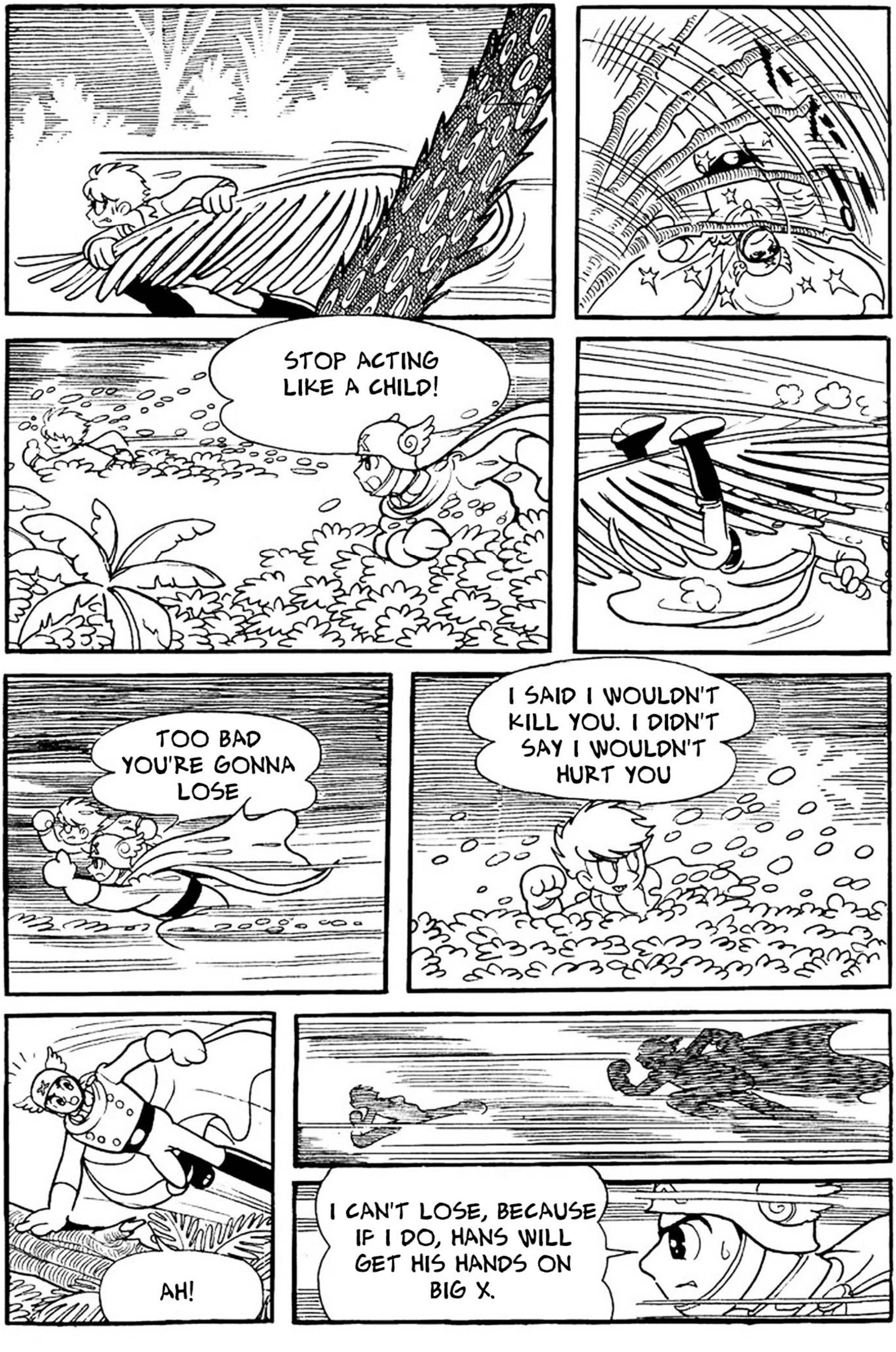

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HEY MANGA ARTIST... I DON'T KNOW IF HANS IS OKAY. CAN YOU OPEN HIS EYES?
HANS! HANS! WHY DON'T YOU WAKE UP!
HANG IN THERE HANS. I'VE CHASED THE SPIDER MAN AWAY.
HEY! WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU GOING?
AH! YOU'RE AWAKE!

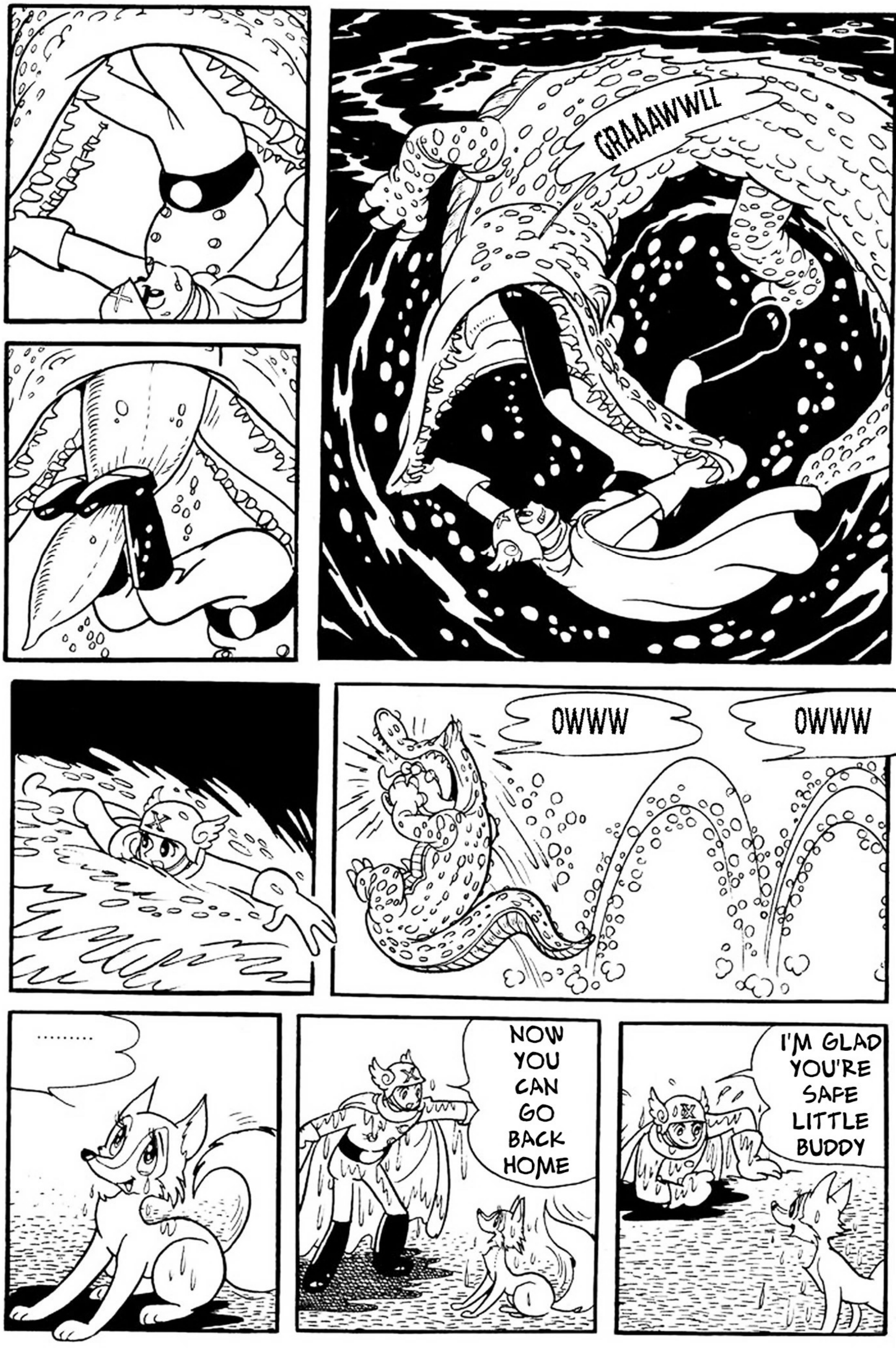

HANS. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS FRIEND OR FOE NOW, BECAUSE A NEW ENEMY HAS TAKEN THE PEN, AND IF WE DON'T GET IT BACK, WE'RE GONNA BE IN BIG TROUBLE.
THIS IS STUPID. THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING.
OKAY, HERE'S THE DEAL; THE FIRST ONE TO GET THE PEN BACK GETS TO KEEP IT.
DON'T SAY THAT AGAIN!
IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COMPETE WITH YOU.
YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE TWICE NOW. SO I WON'T TRY TO KILL YOU, BUT YOU'RE STILL MY ENEMY. I'M GOING TO TAKE BACK THE PEN BEFORE YOU CAN.
HANS, YOU ARE WAY TOO OBSESSED WITH THIS.
OOF!
HA!
LOOK, HE'S A HUMAN


YOU SON OF A BITCH! YOU TOOK MY PEN!
WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR, AND WHY ARE YOU IMITATING THAT SPIDER?
WE'RE IN A SECRET FORTRESS DEEP IN THE WOODS, AND WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE THE.... THE BIG X PEN, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE.
WHERE'D YOU TAKE THE PEN? YOU'LL TELL ME, OR I'M GONNA WIPE THAT ANNOYING NOSE OF YOURS OFF OF YOUR FACE.
WHA... WAIT...
LIKE I JUST SAID... IT'S TIME TO PULL THAT BIG NOSE OFF!
HOW COULD HE NOT KNOW ANYMORE THAN THAT?


ALL RIGHT.... THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW
I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM THE FORTRESS COMMANDER. INFORMATIONS LEAKED FROM THE NAZI ALLIANCE SAYING YOU HAD THE BIG X DRUG.
IT SEEMS TO BE IN THIS DIRECTION.
LET'S GO!
IT'S SEEMS THERE'S A NEW ENEMY BESIDES THE NAZIS.
START!


STOP ACTING LIKE A CHILD!
TOO BAD YOU'RE GONNA LOSE
I SAID I WOULDN'T KILL YOU. I DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T HURT YOU
AH!
I CAN'T LOSE, BECAUSE IF I DO, HANS WILL GET HIS HANDS ON BIG X.


A WILD DOG IS BEING EATEN BY A CROCODILE
IF I TRY TO SAVE IT I'LL LOSE TO HANS
AND THE EFFECTS OF THE DRUG WILL WEAR OFF SOON
ERRRR
I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH IT


GRAAAWWLL
OWWW
OWWW
....
NOW YOU CAN GO BACK HOME
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE LITTLE BUDDY

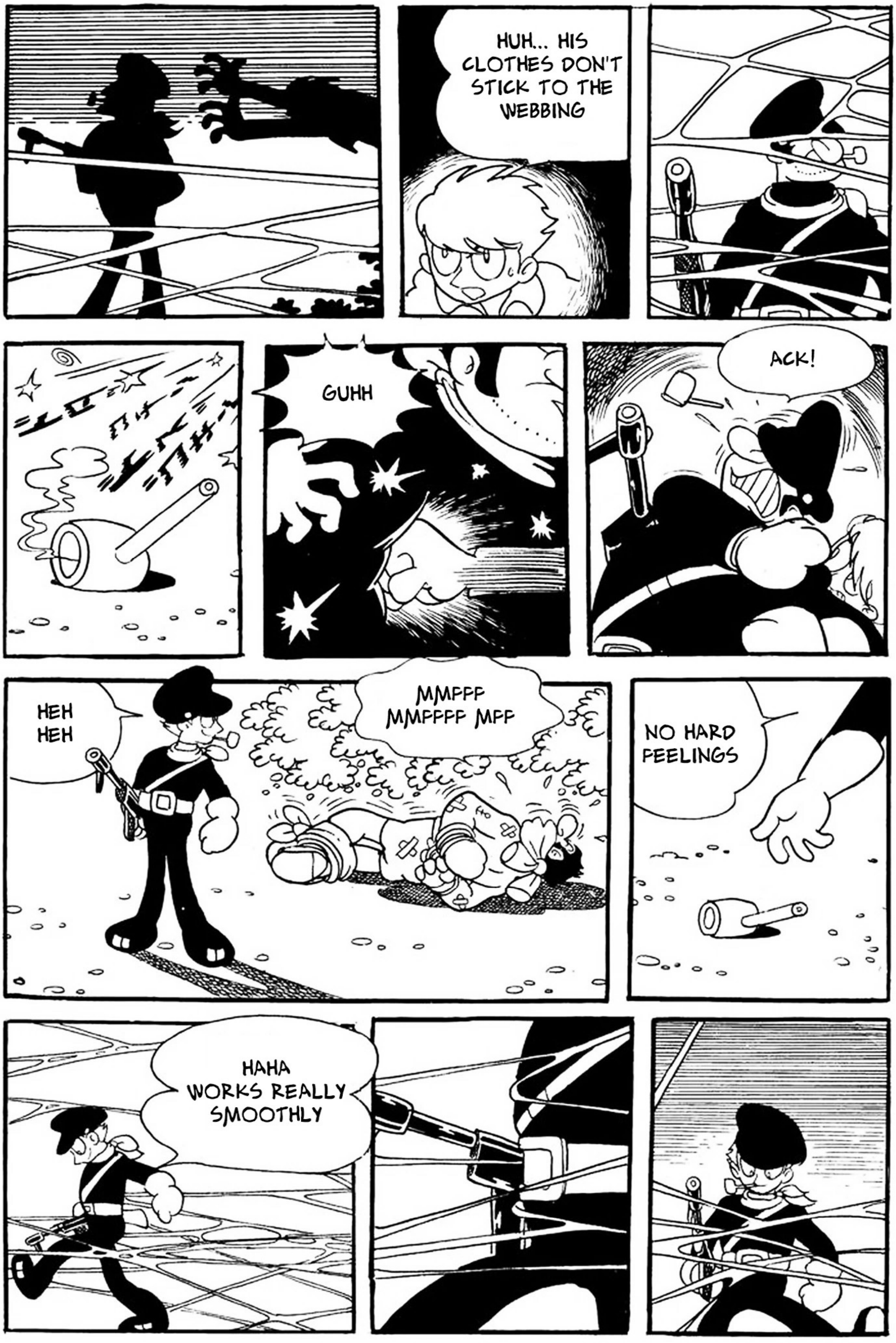

I KNOW YOU'RE HAPPY, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO
OH COME ON, I CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH YOU NOW
GO ON! SHEESH!
IF I WAIT TOO LONG HANS WILL BEAT ME
GO ON, GET OUTTA HERE!
OH NO! YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T JUST FOLLOW ME AROUND


I HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE BIG X DRUG
SPIDER SQUADRON NUMBER ONE IS BACK
THE BIG X DRUG THAT I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT
WOAH! THAT... THAT'S IT!
YESSIR. BIG X DROPPED THIS SO I TOOK IT

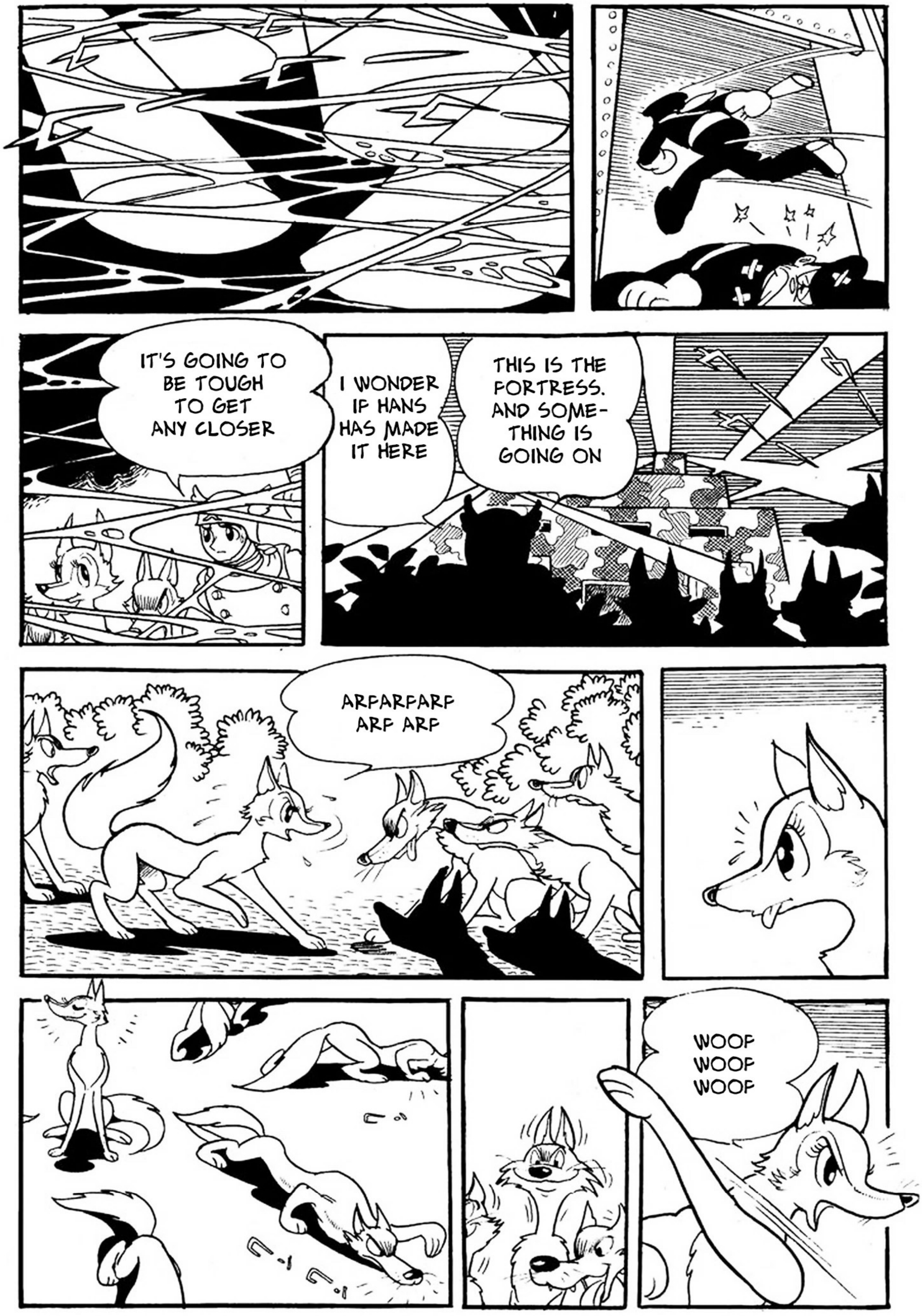

I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD WIND UP IN MY HANDS. BUT HERE IT IS!
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. IT'S THE DRUG THE NAZI ALLIANCE WAS TRYING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON.
DR. ARKELLA, ARE YOU SURE IT'S THE BIG X DRUG?
SO, LET'S SEE HOW IT WORKS
BY THE WAY, DID YOU KILL THOSE TWO GUYS IN THE FOREST?
YOU JUST ASKED FOR THE PEN
THAT WASN'T THE ORDERS SO WE DIDN'T KILL THEM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KILL THEM?!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU DO IT?
GERDA, YOU ARE ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE CROSS PARTY. YOU HAVE TO DO BETTER!
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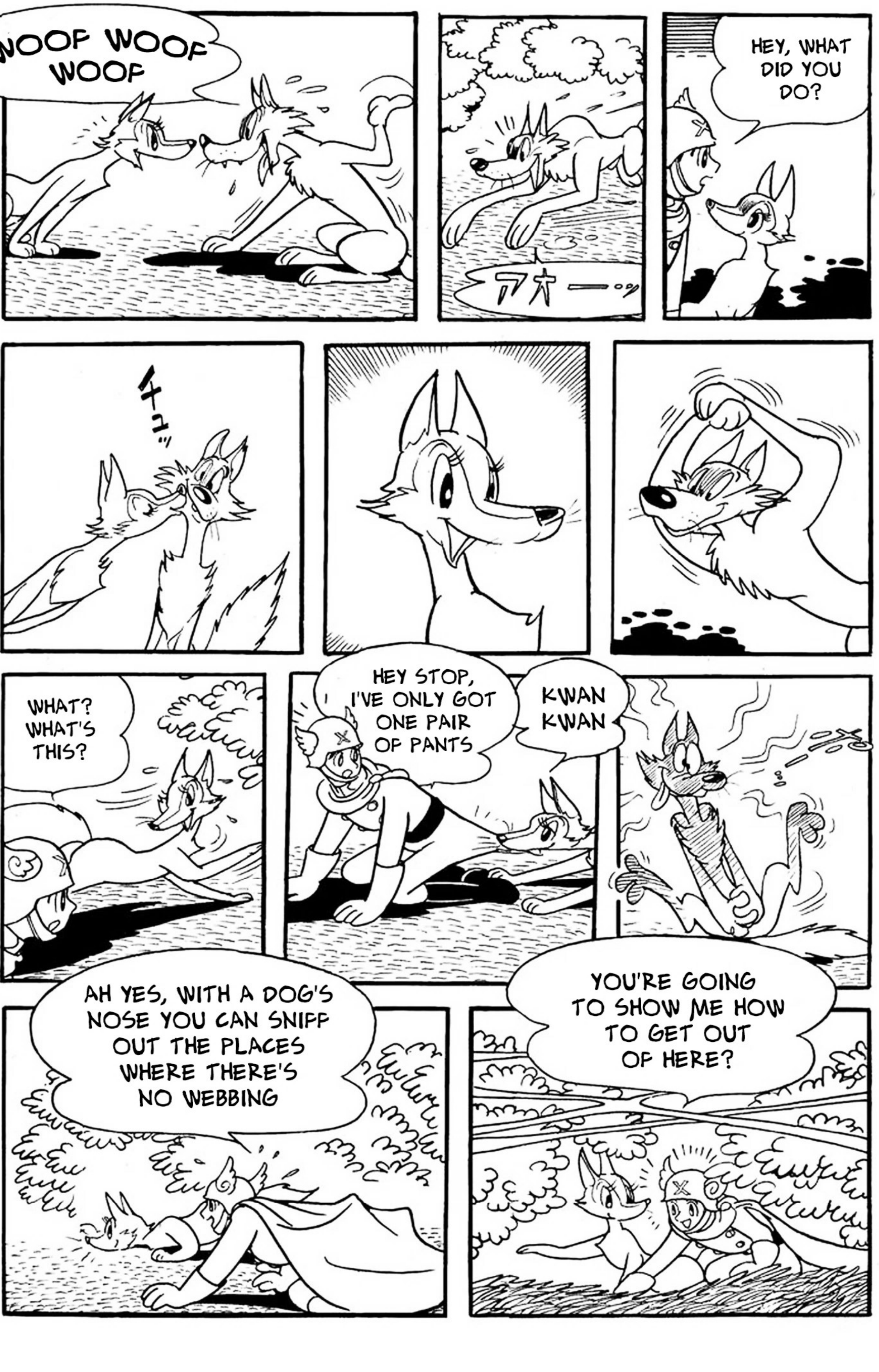

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE... WHAT WE'RE DOING. IT'S HORRIBLE.
GERDA, YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS DON'T YOU?
I KNOW... THE DEATH PENALTY FOR ANYONE WHO DISOBEYS THE LAW EVEN AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.
THAT'S RIGHT GERDA! THOUGH I DO NOT WANT TO PUT YOU TO DEATH. SO NO MORE TALK LIKE THAT.
I UNDERSTAND. I'M SORRY TO HAVE ANGERED YOU
SIR, I'LL MAKE SURE TO CAPTURE THOSE TWO WHO HAD THE BIG X DRUG.

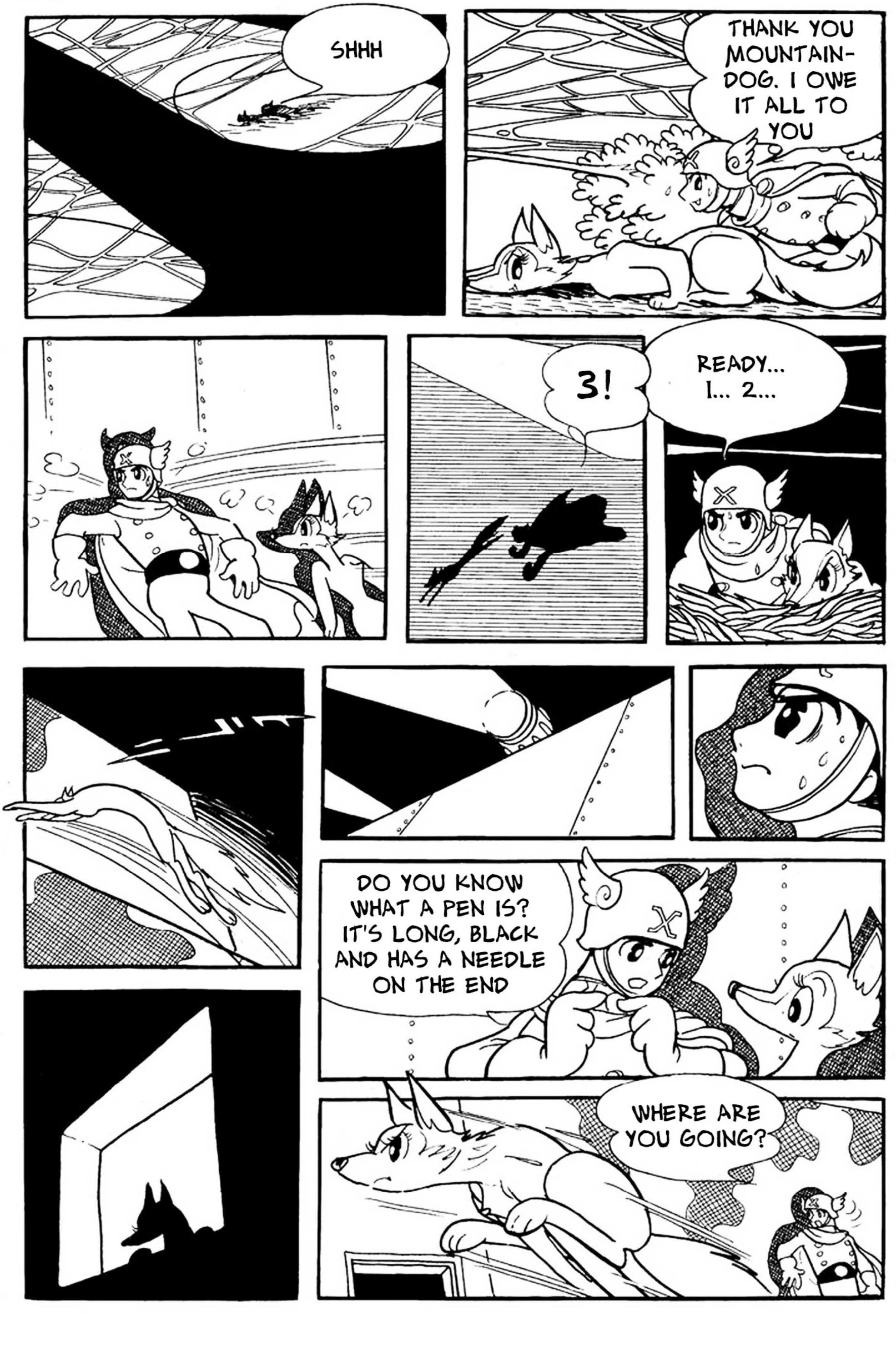

THERE'S AN AMAZING FORTRESS IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, GUARDED BY THAT ARTIFICIAL WEBBING AND GIANT ROBOTS.
HMM... WHO THE HELL ARE THESE PEOPLE AND WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS?
THIS WEB IS A BUNCH OF TROUBLE
I'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE FORTRESS WITH ALL THIS WEBBING AROUND
THAT LOOKS EVEN STRONGER THAN THE NAZI'S V-3
HMM

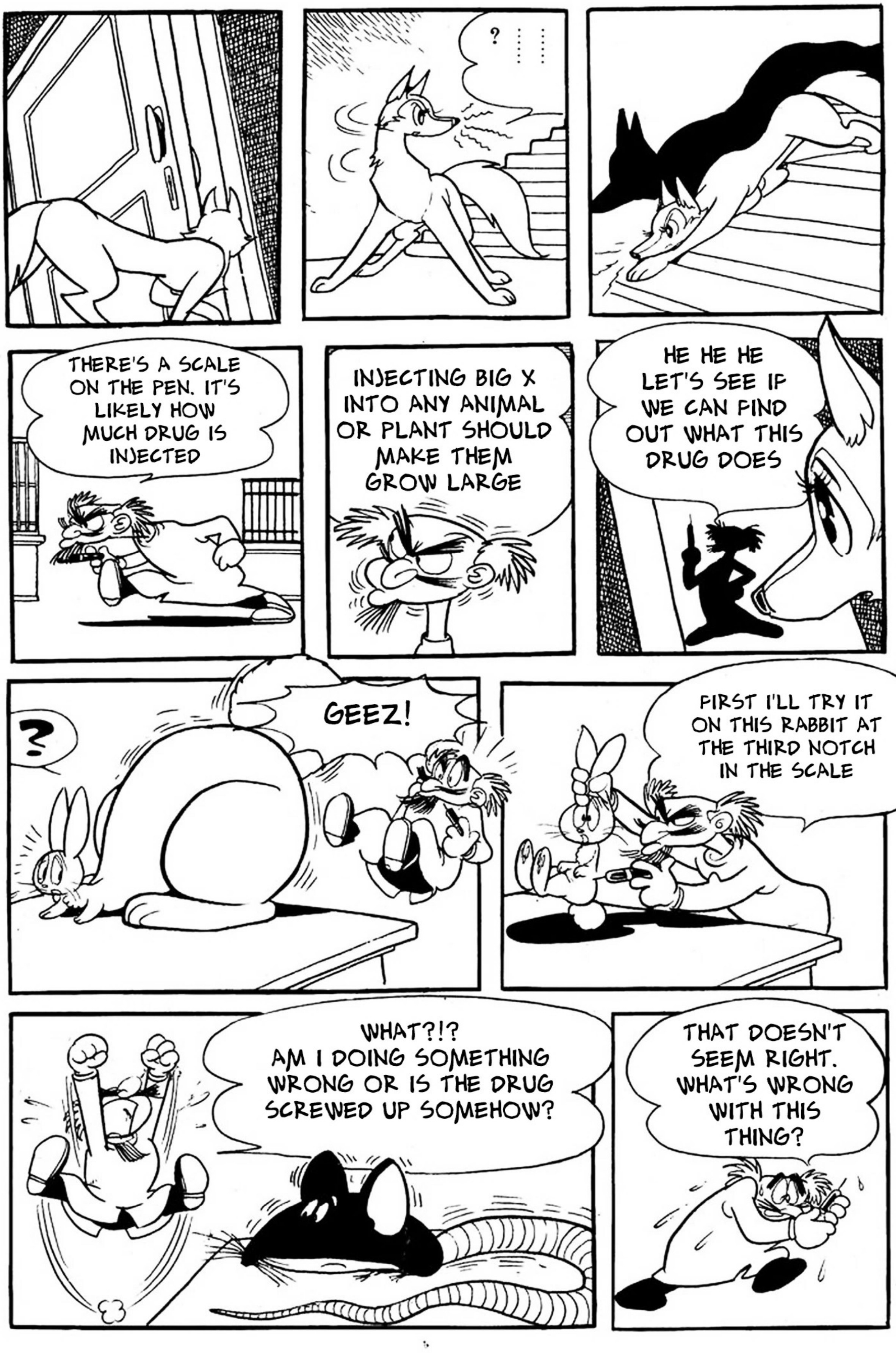

HUH... HIS CLOTHES DON'T STICK TO THE WEBBING
GUHH
ACK!
HEH HEH
MMFFF MMFFFF MFF
NO HARD FEELINGS
HAHA WORKS REALLY SMOOTHLY


HEY WAIT!
UH OH!
AND AT THE FORTRESS WALL
I'M THROUGH THERE
ACK!
EH?
I'VE COME TOO FAR FOR YOU GUYS TO STOP ME


It's going to be tough to get any closer
I wonder if Hans has made it here
This is the fortress. And something is going on
ARFARFARF ARF ARF
WOOF WOOF WOOF


WOOF WOOF WOOF
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HEY, WHAT DID YOU DO?
チュッ
WHAT? WHAT'S THIS?
HEY STOP, I'VE ONLY GOT ONE PAIR OF PANTS
KWAN KWAN
AH YES, WITH A DOG'S NOSE YOU CAN SNIFF OUT THE PLACES WHERE THERE'S NO WEBBING
YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE?

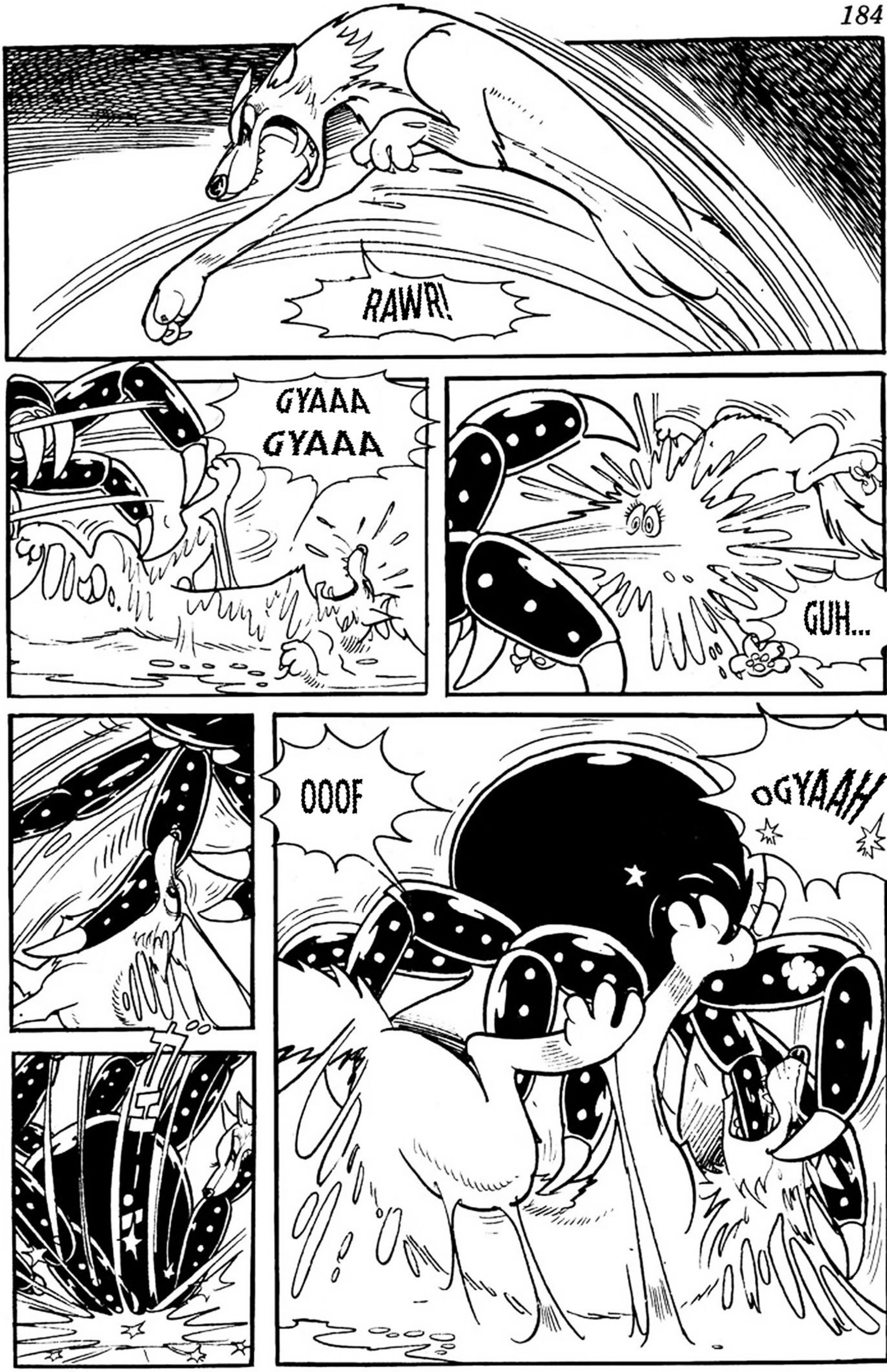

SHHH
THANK YOU MOUNTAIN-DOG. I OWE IT ALL TO YOU
READY... 1... 2...
3!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A PEN IS? IT'S LONG, BLACK AND HAS A NEEDLE ON THE END
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

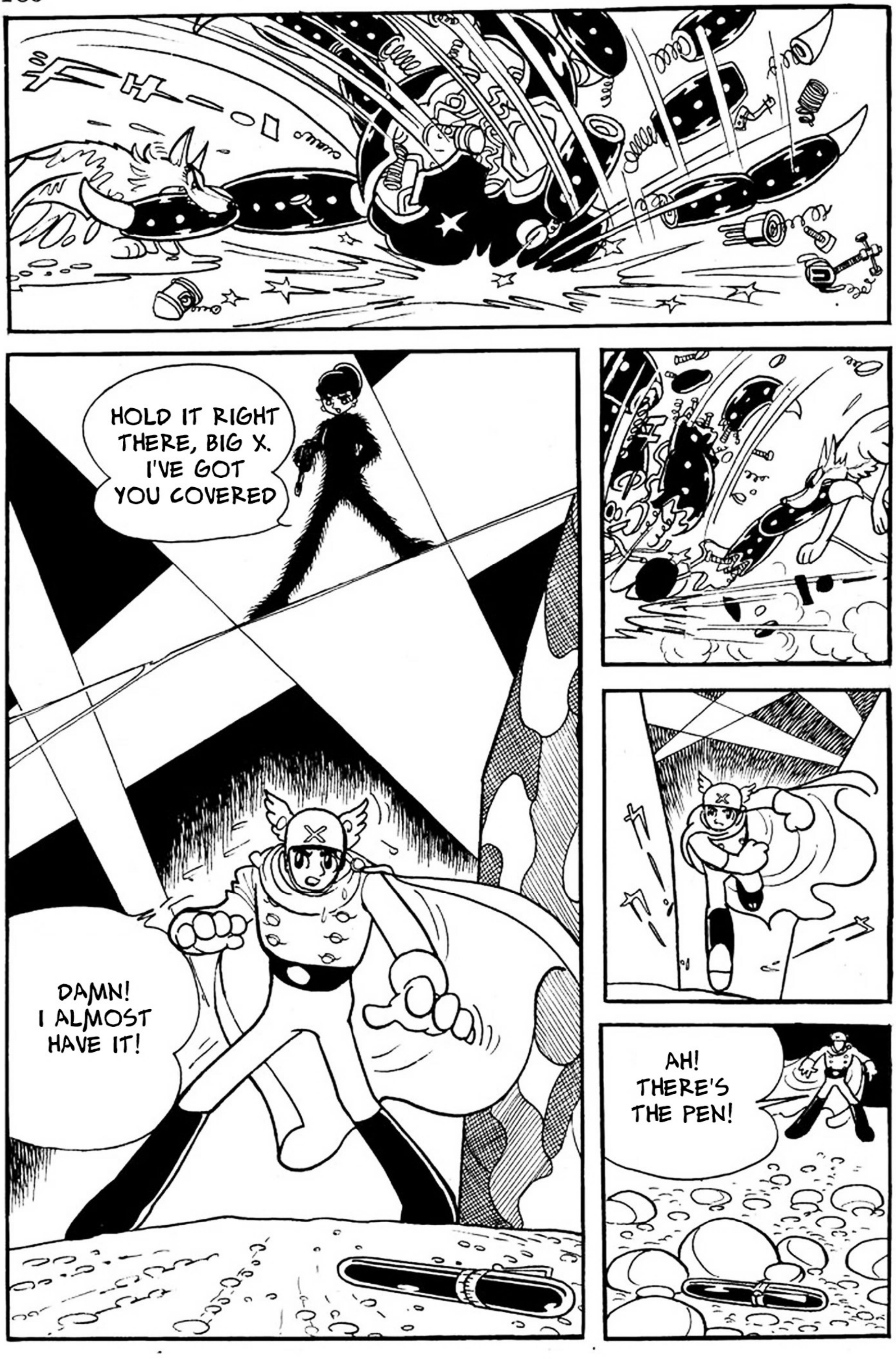

? ......
HE HE HE LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THIS DRUG DOES
INJECTING BIG X INTO ANY ANIMAL OR PLANT SHOULD MAKE THEM GROW LARGE
THERE'S A SCALE ON THE PEN. IT'S LIKELY HOW MUCH DRUG IS INJECTED
FIRST I'LL TRY IT ON THIS RABBIT AT THE THIRD NOTCH IN THE SCALE
GEEZ!
?
THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS THING?
WHAT?!? AM I DOING SOMETHING WRONG OR IS THE DRUG SCREWED UP SOMEHOW?


NEXT!
OKAY LET'S START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING
THIS HAS GOT TO WORK
NOW THIS DOG!
!
ONE OF THE DOGS TOOK THE PEN! SOMEONE COME AND GET HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

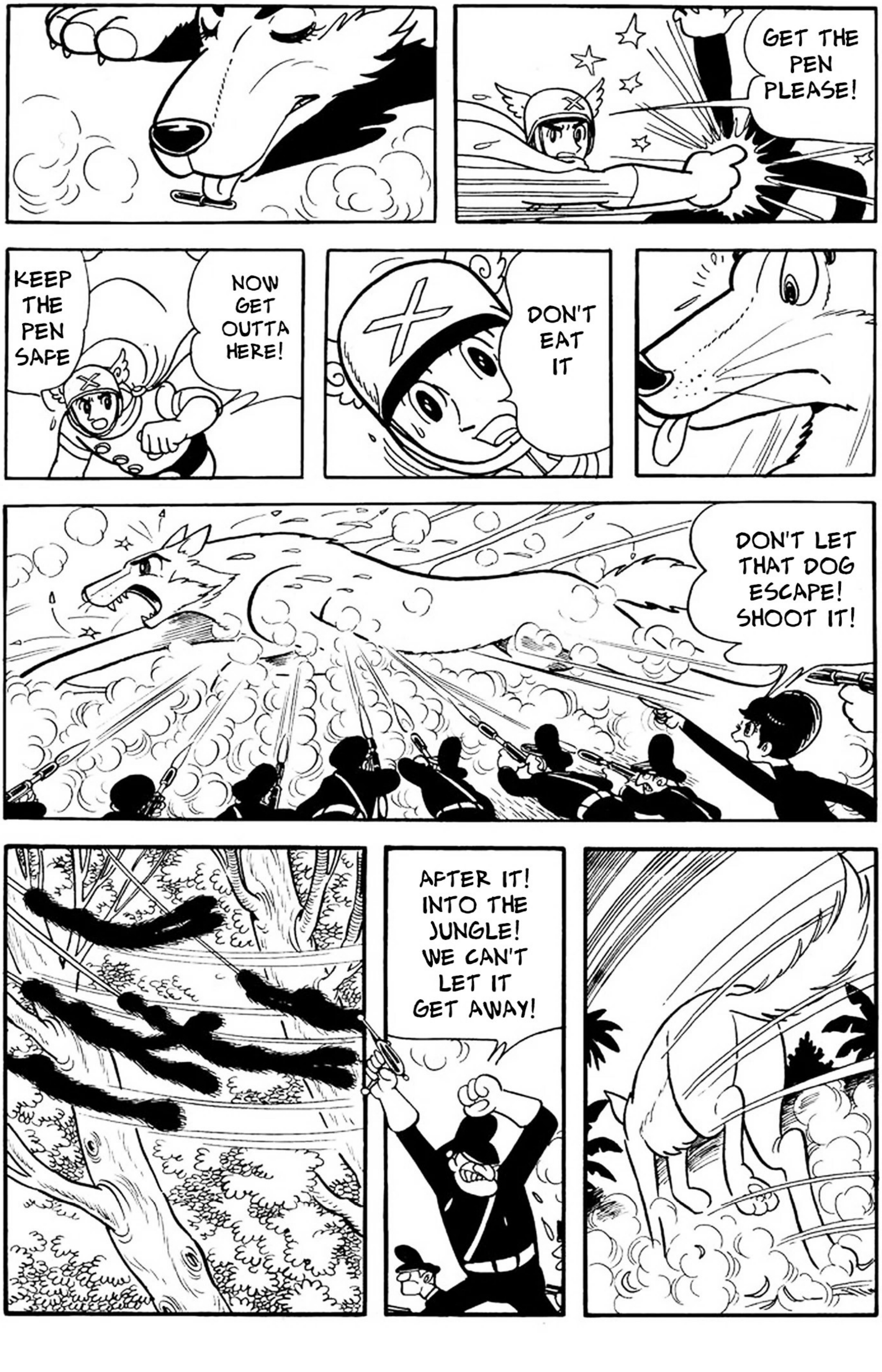

WHAT'S WRONG?
THE... THE PEN!
THERE! THAT'S THE DOG! SHOOT IT NOW!
OH NO! YOU'VE BEEN INJECTED WITH THE DRUG!
CRAP! THE PEN!
RAWR!!!


EEP!
YIKES!
HE'S TOO MUCH TO HANDLE! SEND OUT THE ROBOT!


RAWR!
GUH...
GYAAA GYAAA
OGYAAH
OOOF


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BIG X. I'VE GOT YOU COVERED
DAMN! I ALMOST HAVE IT!
AH! THERE'S THE PEN!


THE BOY! YOU ARE TO TAKE HIM PRISONER!
OH! YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL HUMAN FORM
OOUCH!
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MOUNTAIN-DOG! COME QUICK!
GRAAH!
GYA!


GET THE PEN PLEASE!
KEEP THE PEN SAFE
NOW GET OUTTA HERE!
DON'T EAT IT
DON'T LET THAT DOG ESCAPE! SHOOT IT!
AFTER IT! INTO THE JUNGLE! WE CAN'T LET IT GET AWAY!


WE GOT EM! YOU WANT ME TO KILL EM?
NO. I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE CAPTAIN
WAAAH HA HA HA!
OH, HANS!
BIG X?
ONE MORE? I CAUGHT THE OTHER ONE
YES
SO YOU'RE THE AMAZING BIG X HUH?


YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME OR YOU'LL FRY UNDER MY ELECTRIC WHIP
ONE IS TO CATCH THAT DOG THAT RAN INTO THE JUNGLE
THEN, I NEED TO KNOW HOW TO USE THE PEN
WITH THOSE TWO THINGS I'LL KEEP YOU ALIVE
LOCK EM UP SEPERATELY


WHAT'S UP WITH THIS NEW ORGANIZATION? SUCH A MYSTERY.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE, WITH-OUT KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON
THAT COMMANDER SEEMS LIKE A REALLY BRUTAL MAN
THE COMMANDER IS MY BROTHER
MY NAME IS GERDA. REMEMBER IT!
GERDA, I'M GOING TO DIE ANY-WAY AREN'T I?
CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL ME ABOUT THE CROSS PARTY?
SURE
THE CROSS PARTY WAS A BRANCH OF THE ORIGINAL NAZI PARTY. SO IT'S LIKE A RELATIVE OF THE NAZI ALLIANCE.
IT'S H.Q. IS IN NEW YORK. THIS IS ONE OF ITS OUTPOSTS

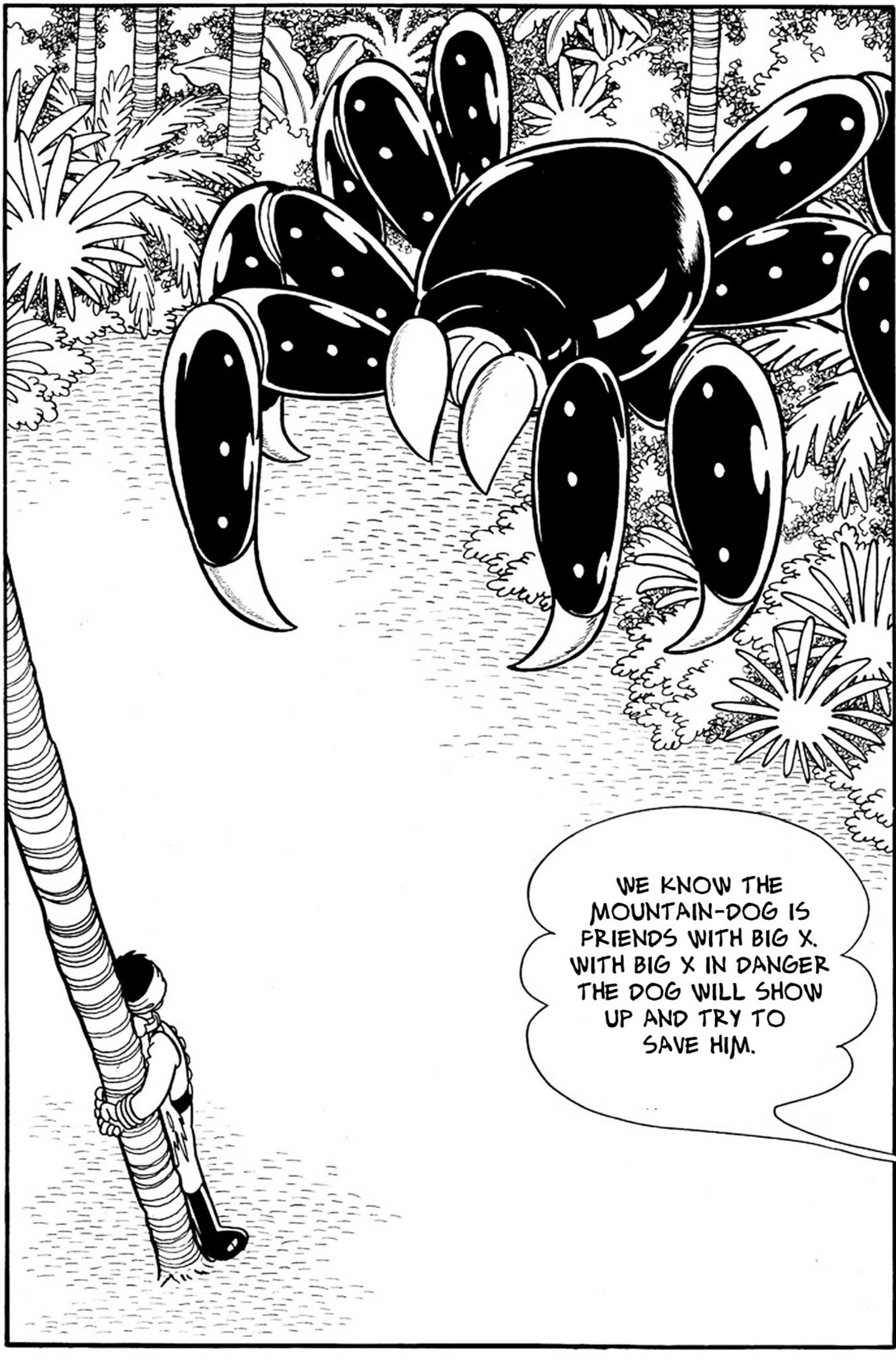

YOU WANT TO START A WAR?
WHA-WHAT?
TO START WORLD WAR III
WHAT'S ITS PURPOSE?
YOU CAN'T KILL EVERY-ONE AND NOT BE KILLED YOURSELVES
BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A WAR. JUST THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. AND THEN THERE'LL BE JUST US.
JUST LIKE "SMERSH" IN 007. IT'S JUST CRAZY... SO YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO TRY AND DO THIS?
OF COURSE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE EARTH. KILL EVERYONE AND THEN COME BACK 10 YEARS LATER
WE'LL THEN REBUILD THE DESTROYED EARTH INTO OUR OWN WORLD
THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DO IS START A WAR BETWEEN TWO MAJOR POWERS
YEAH, WE'RE GETTING THERE
THE U.S. AND THE SOVIETS

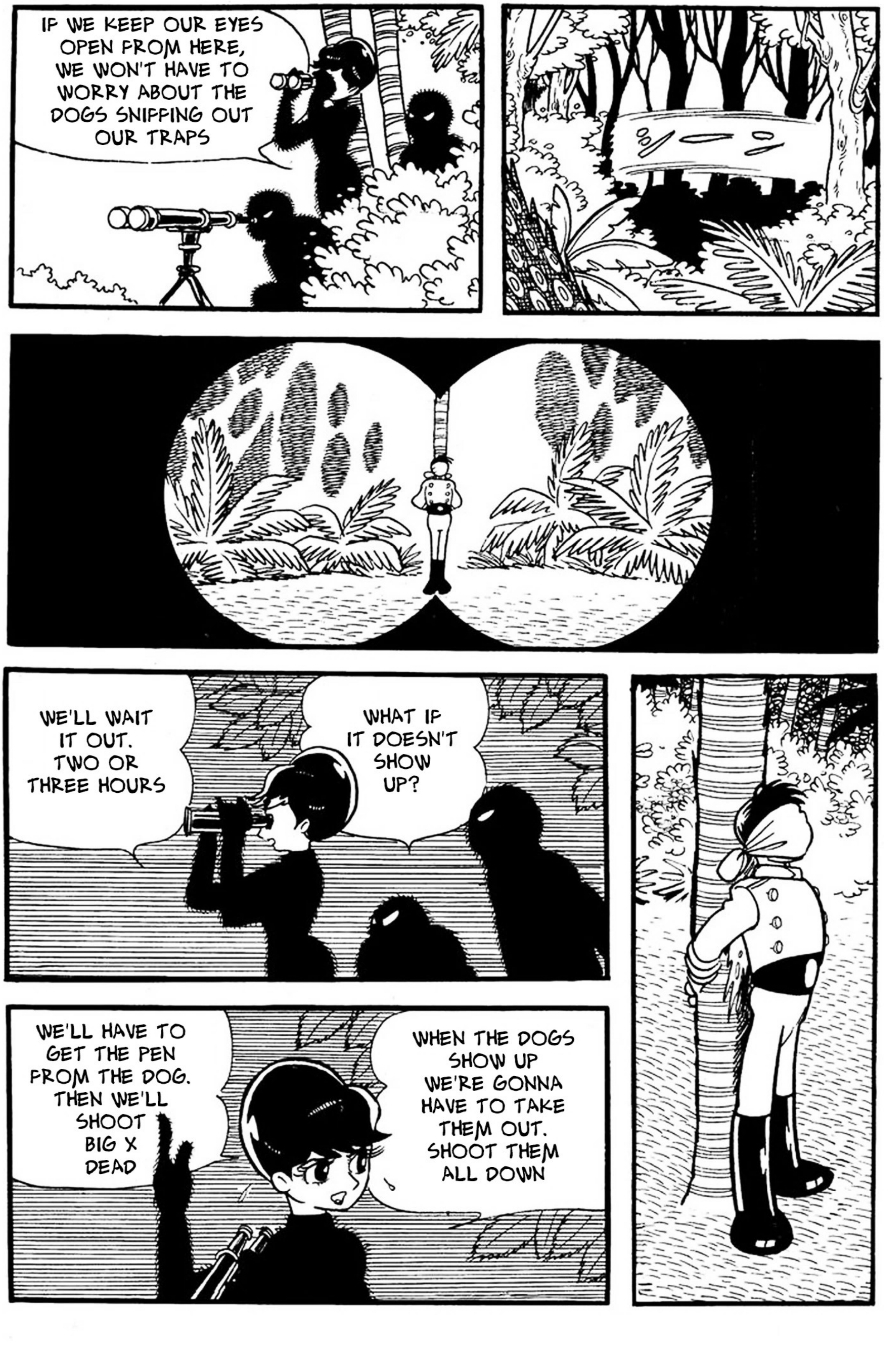

IS THAT ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW?
CUZ IT'S GETTING LATE AND IT'S TIME TO GO
WHERE?
WHERE?
PROBABLY TO HELL.
ONCE HE'S TIED TO THE TREE, WAIT FOR MY ORDER.

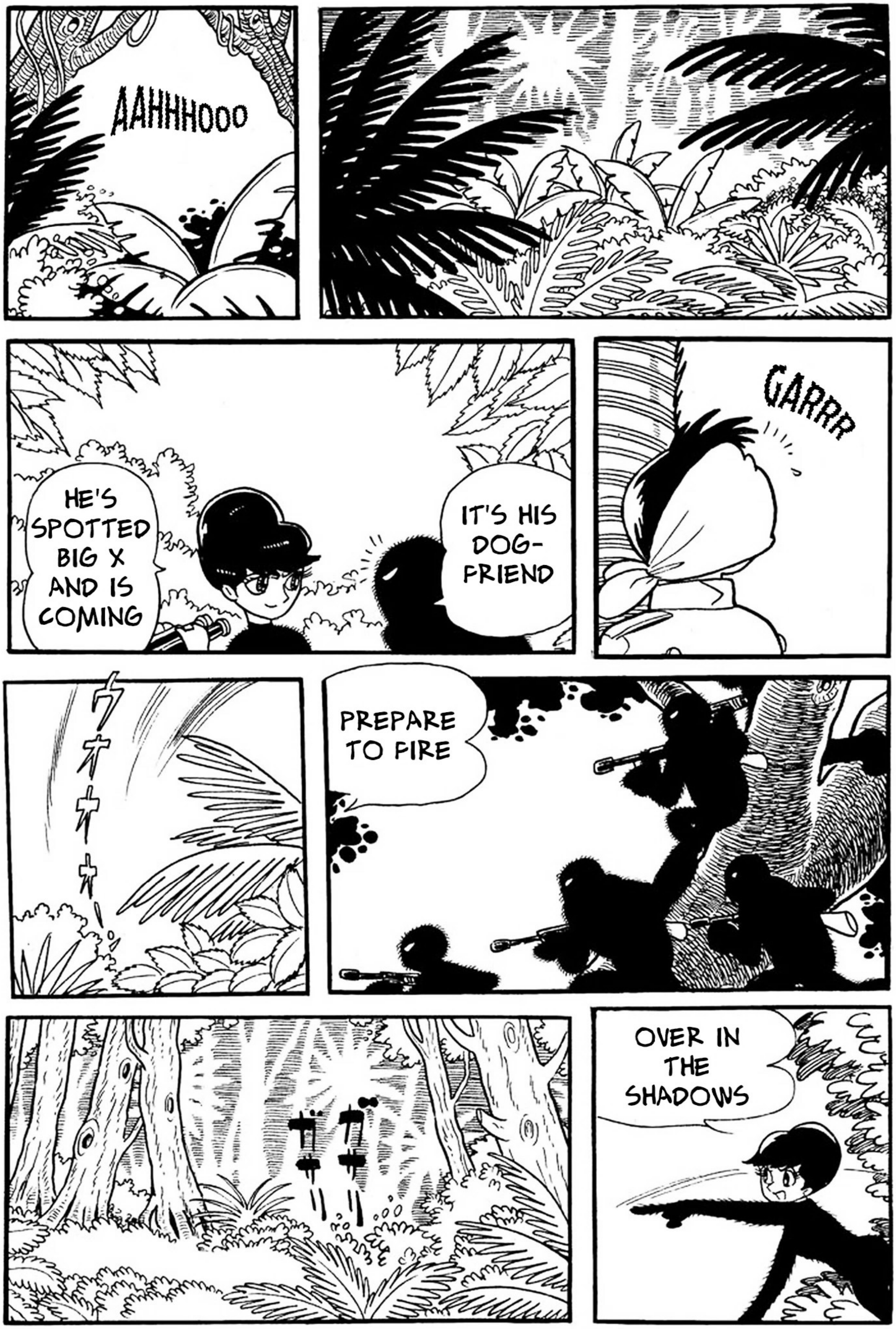
CHAPTER 11

THE TRAP




WE KNOW THE MOUNTAIN-DOG IS FRIENDS WITH BIG X. WITH BIG X IN DANGER THE DOG WILL SHOW UP AND TRY TO SAVE HIM.


IF WE KEEP OUR EYES OPEN FROM HERE, WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE DOGS SNIFFING OUT OUR TRAPS
WE'LL WAIT IT OUT. TWO OR THREE HOURS
WHAT IF IT DOESN'T SHOW UP?
WE'LL HAVE TO GET THE PEN FROM THE DOG. THEN WE'LL SHOOT BIG X DEAD
WHEN THE DOGS SHOW UP WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE THEM OUT. SHOOT THEM ALL DOWN

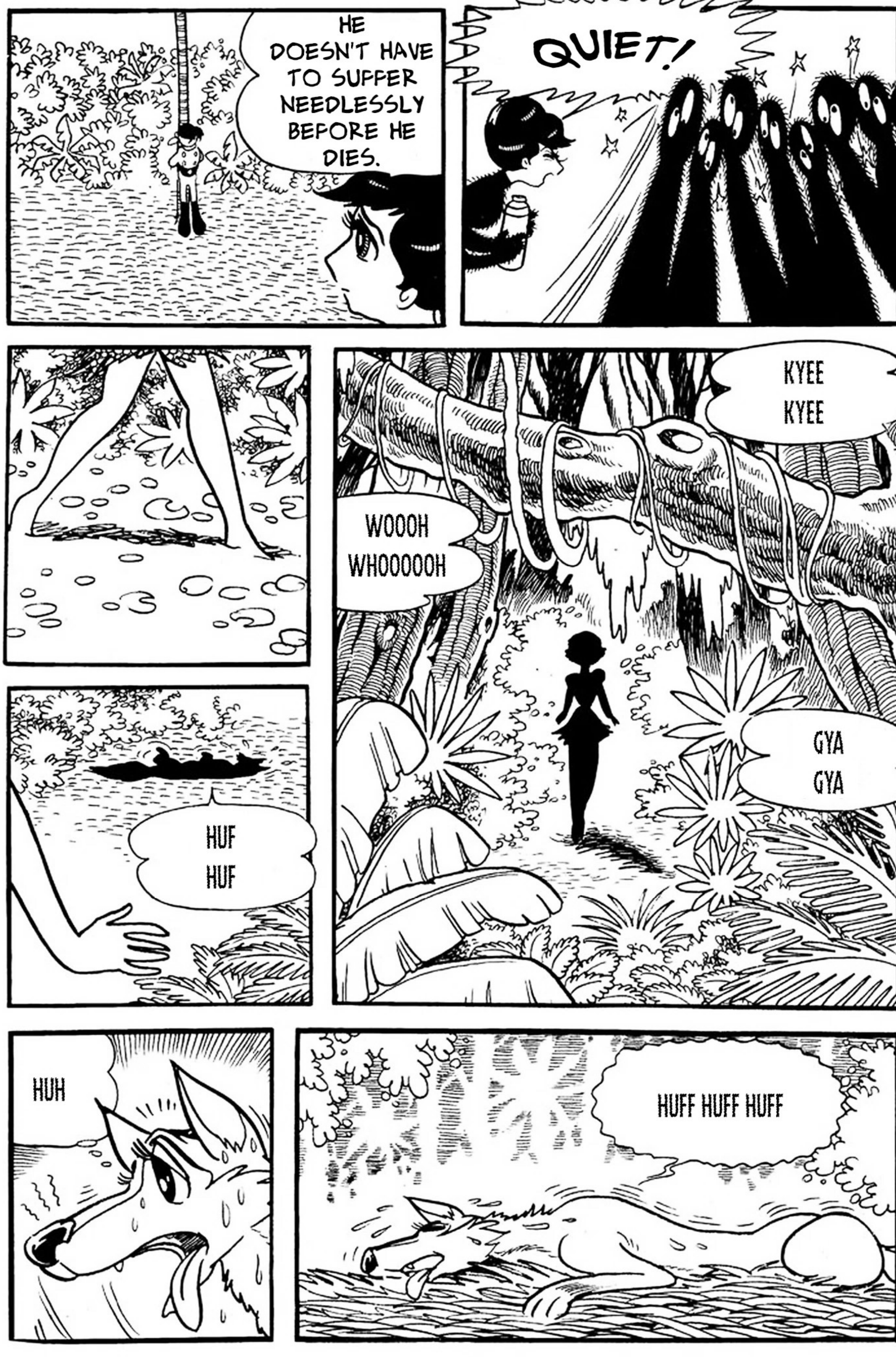

AAHHHOOO
HE'S SPOTTED BIG X AND IS COMING
IT'S HIS DOG-FRIEND
GARRR
PREPARE TO FIRE
OVER IN THE SHADOWS


AH, HE'S HERE
DON'T DO IT! YOU'LL BE KILLED!
OH NO!
GO AWAY DOGGY! YOU'RE BEING HUNTED!
COME ON, THIS IS NO TIME TO PLAY
IT... IT'S A TIGER!
HEY! BIG X IS ABOUT TO BE EATEN!
SAVE HIM! BUT NO GUNS! WE DON'T WANT THE DOGS TO SMELL THE GUN POWDER
USE YOUR POISONED SWORDS


ROOOAARR!
?
....
QUICKLY, GET RID OF THE BODY


CAN'T LET THAT THING GET IN THE WAY OF OUR PLANS
WELL, IT'S DEAD NOW SO DON'T WORRY
WATER .....
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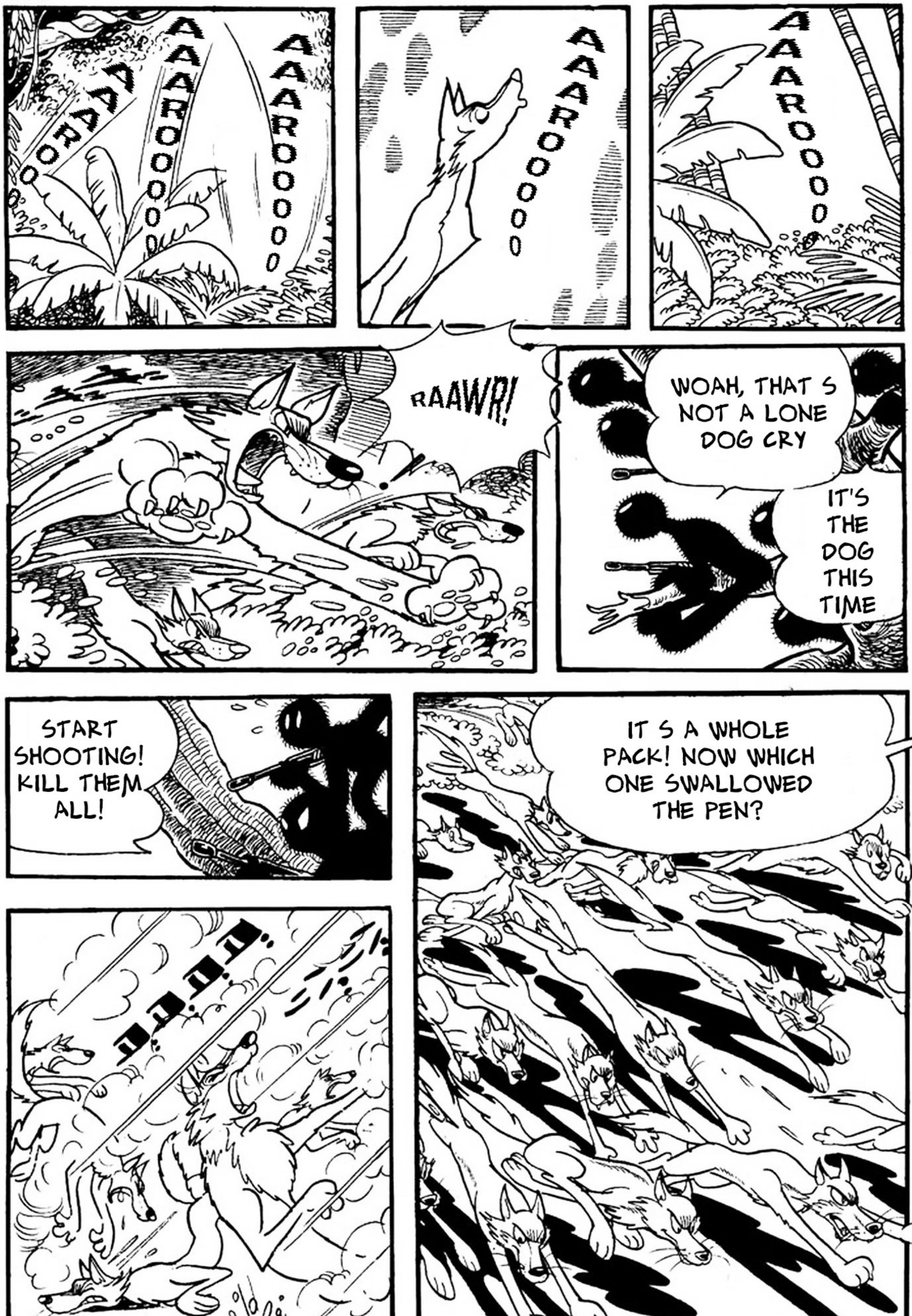

CAPTAIN WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HUF
THANKS
YEAH, HE'S GOING TO DIE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER
CAPTAIN, WHY DID YOU GIVE BIG X A DRINK OF WATER?
IF THE COMMANDER FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS HE'LL BE ANGRY


HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER NEEDLESSLY BEFORE HE DIES.
QUIET!
KYEE KYEE
WOOOH WHOOOOOH
GYA GYA
HUF HUF
HUH
HUFF HUFF HUFF


ARE YOU SICK TO YOUR STOMACH?
WHAT'S WRONG PUPPY?
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU
DID YOU EAT SOME-THING BAD? SIT STILL AND I'LL RUB YOUR TUMMY
KUN KUN
COME ON, LET IT OUT. IT'S OKAY
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YOU POOR THING... DID YOU EAT A BONE?
OH MY! ISN'T THAT BIG X'S PEN?
OH!

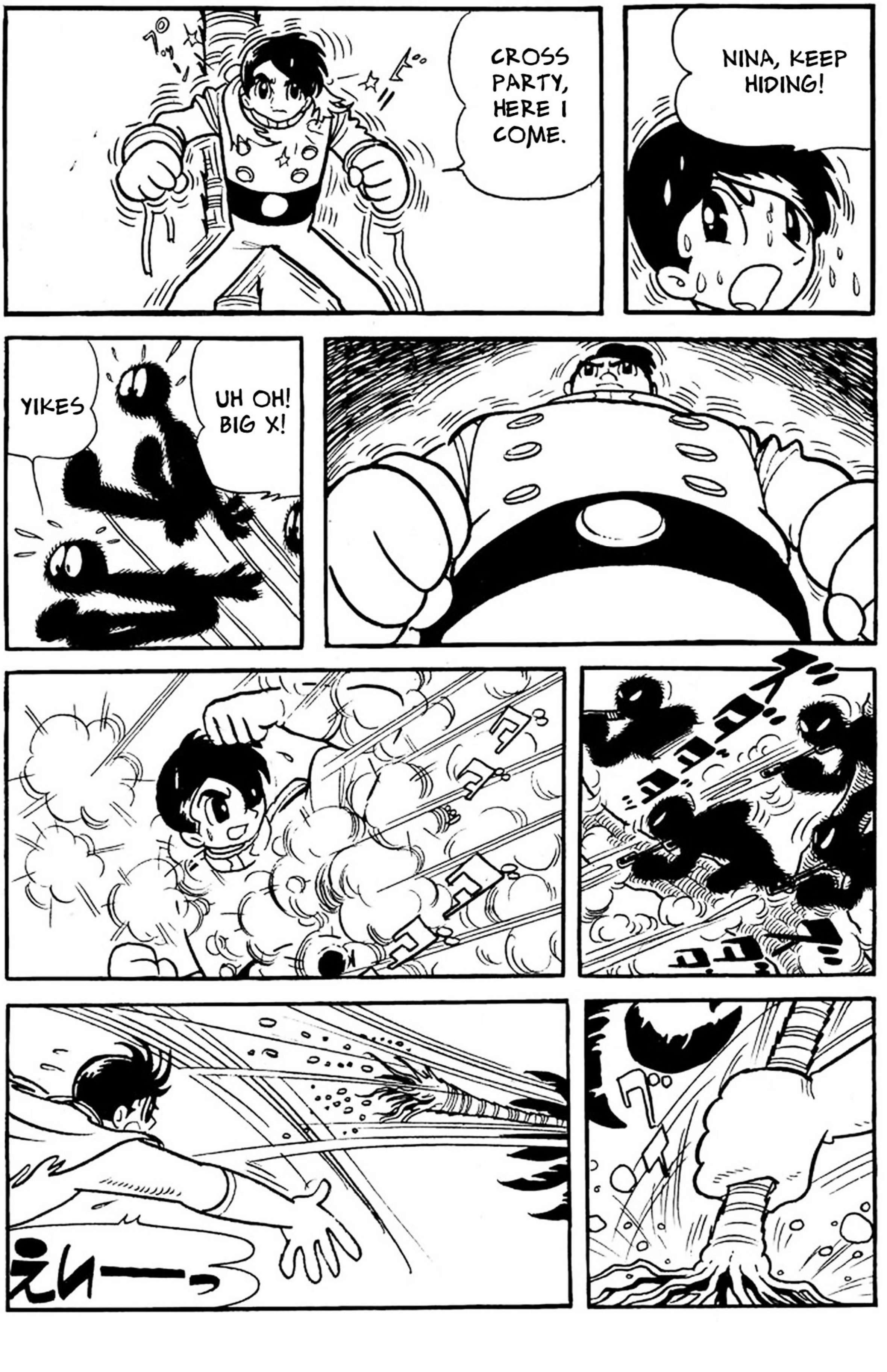

I'M AKIRA'S FRIEND. WE GOT SEPERATED
WHERE IS AKIRA? IS HE SAFE?
HOW ODD! ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH AKIRA?
OH!
LEAD THE WAY! I'LL FOLLOW YOU
NI-NINA? WHERE?
AKIRA!
HUH?
WE'RE IN THE SHADOWS, RIGHT BEHIND YOU. WE'RE COMING!
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CAPTAIN... BIG X IS SHAKING HIS HEAD...
WHAT'S WRONG? I CAN SEE YOU SHAKING YOUR HEAD? IS THERE SOMEONE THERE?
OH YEAH, I HAVE THE BIG X PEN WITH ME HERE
THERE'S SOME-ONE OUT THERE? SOMEONE IS TRYING TO HURT YOU?
I DON'T THINK SO
I THINK THE HEAT IS GETTING TO HIM
AND YOU'RE SAFE! I'M SO RELIEVED
YOU HAVE IT... YOU HAVE THE PEN
THE MOUNTAIN-DOG GAVE IT TO ME. SO I WANT TO GET IT TO YOU
GREAT!
NO? HOW ABOUT I LET THE DOG DO IT?
NO! DON'T DO IT!
I CAN RUN OVER AND GIVE IT TO YOU

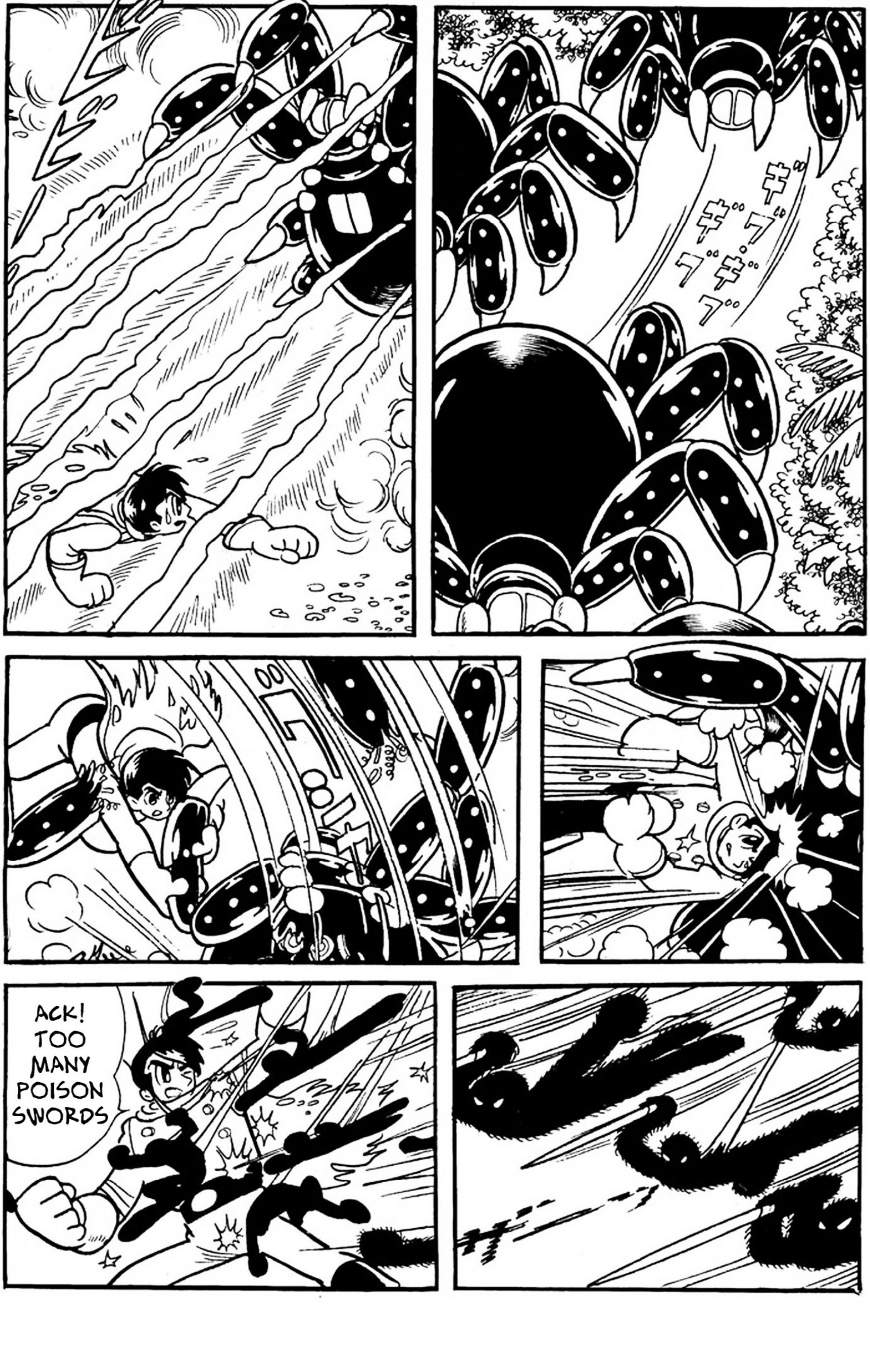

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AAAROOOOOO
RAAWR!
WOAH, THAT S NOT A LONE DOG CRY
IT'S THE DOG THIS TIME
START SHOOTING! KILL THEM ALL!
IT S A WHOLE PACK! NOW WHICH ONE SWALLOWED THE PEN?


OH GOODNESS


MOUNTAIN-DOG!
YOU ARE SO BRAVE. THANK YOU
THIS IS FOR YOU, MOUNTAIN-DOG

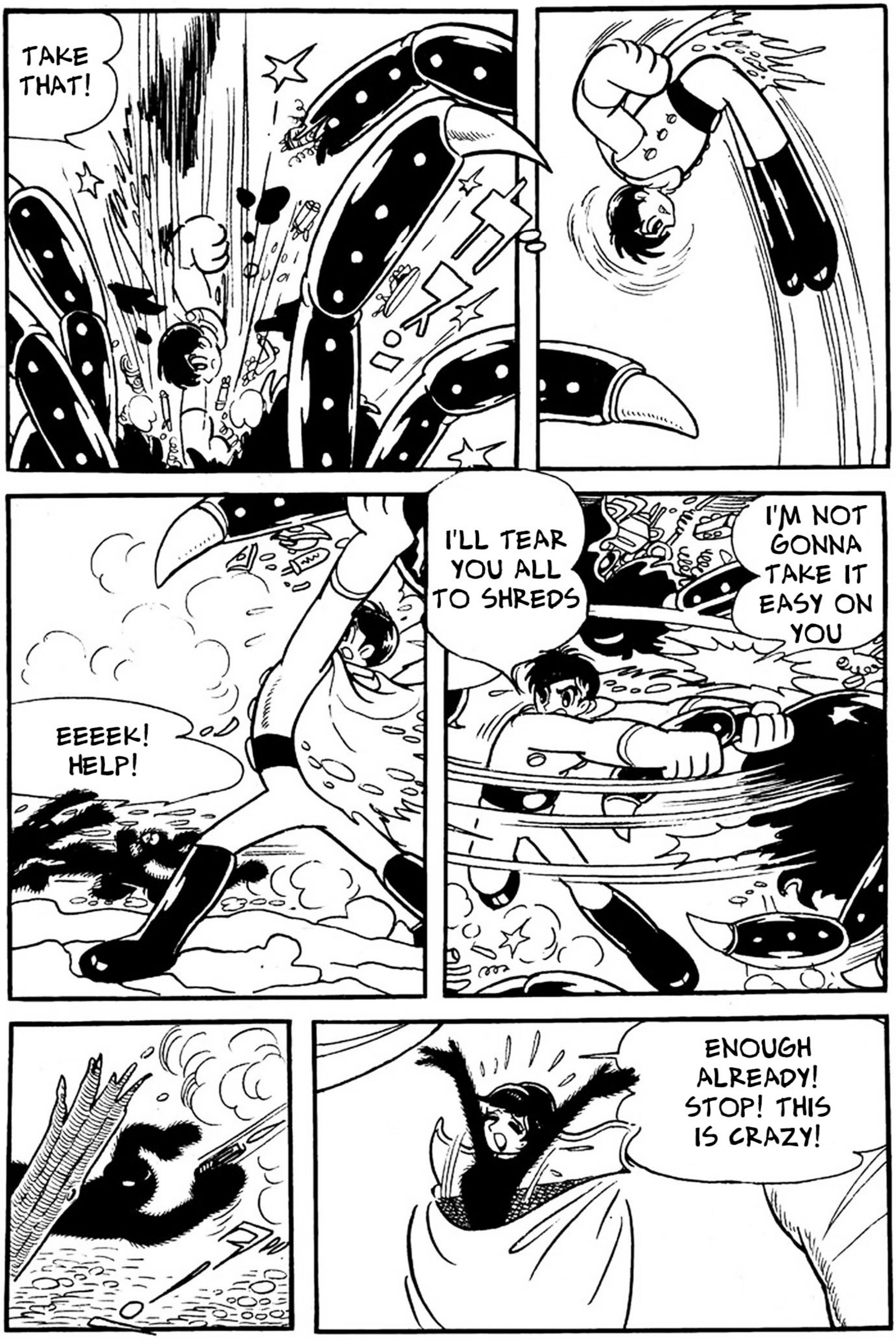

CROSS PARTY, HERE I COME.
NINA, KEEP HIDING!
UH OH! BIG X!
YIKES
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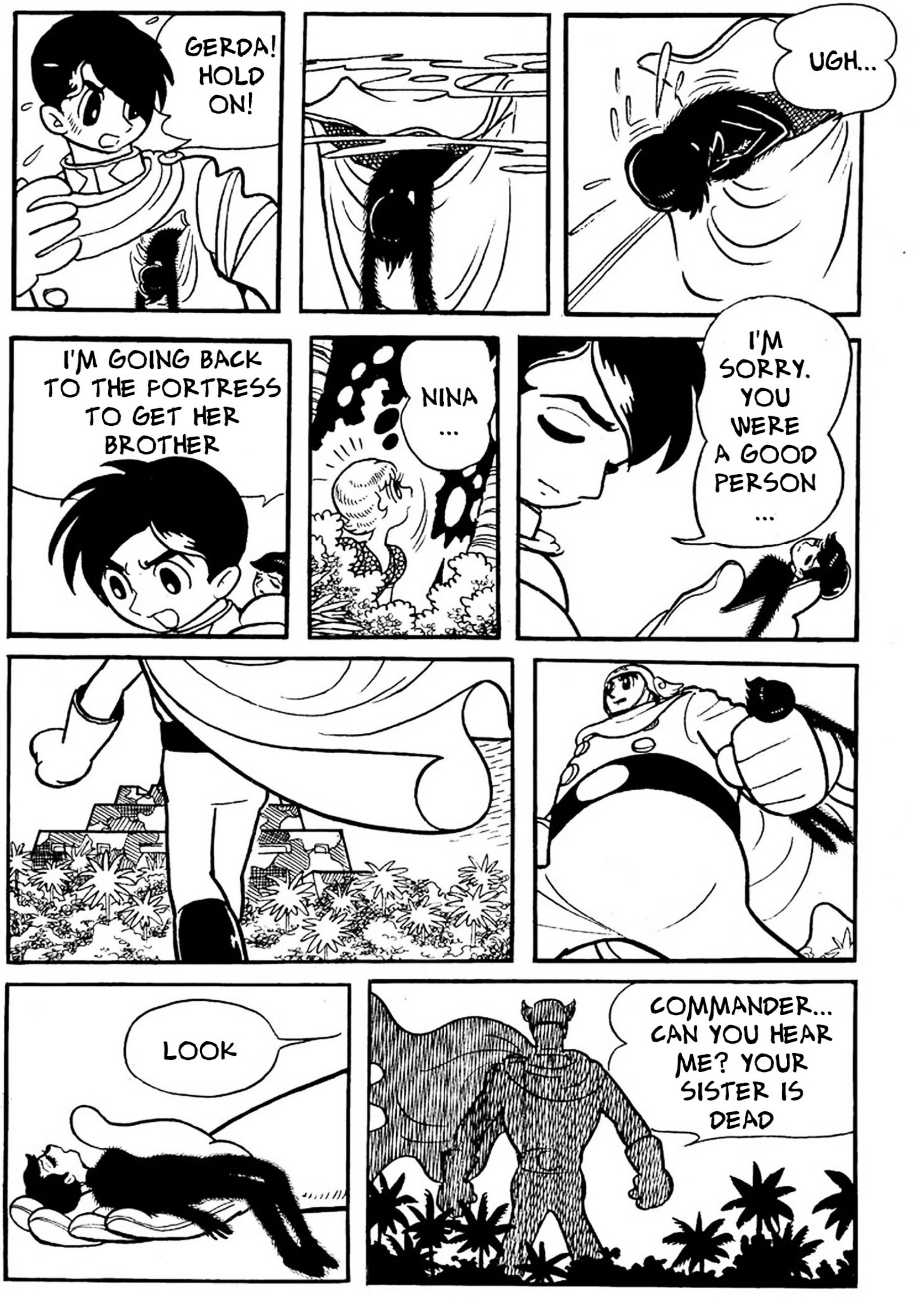

QUICK! GET OUT THERE! WE NEED HELP!
BIG X IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? YOU IDIOTS ARE PISSING ME OFF!
SEND OUT ALL AVAILABLE ROBOT TANKS! LOAD UP ON ALL OF THE SYNTHETIC WEBBING
ALL TANKS MOVE OUT!

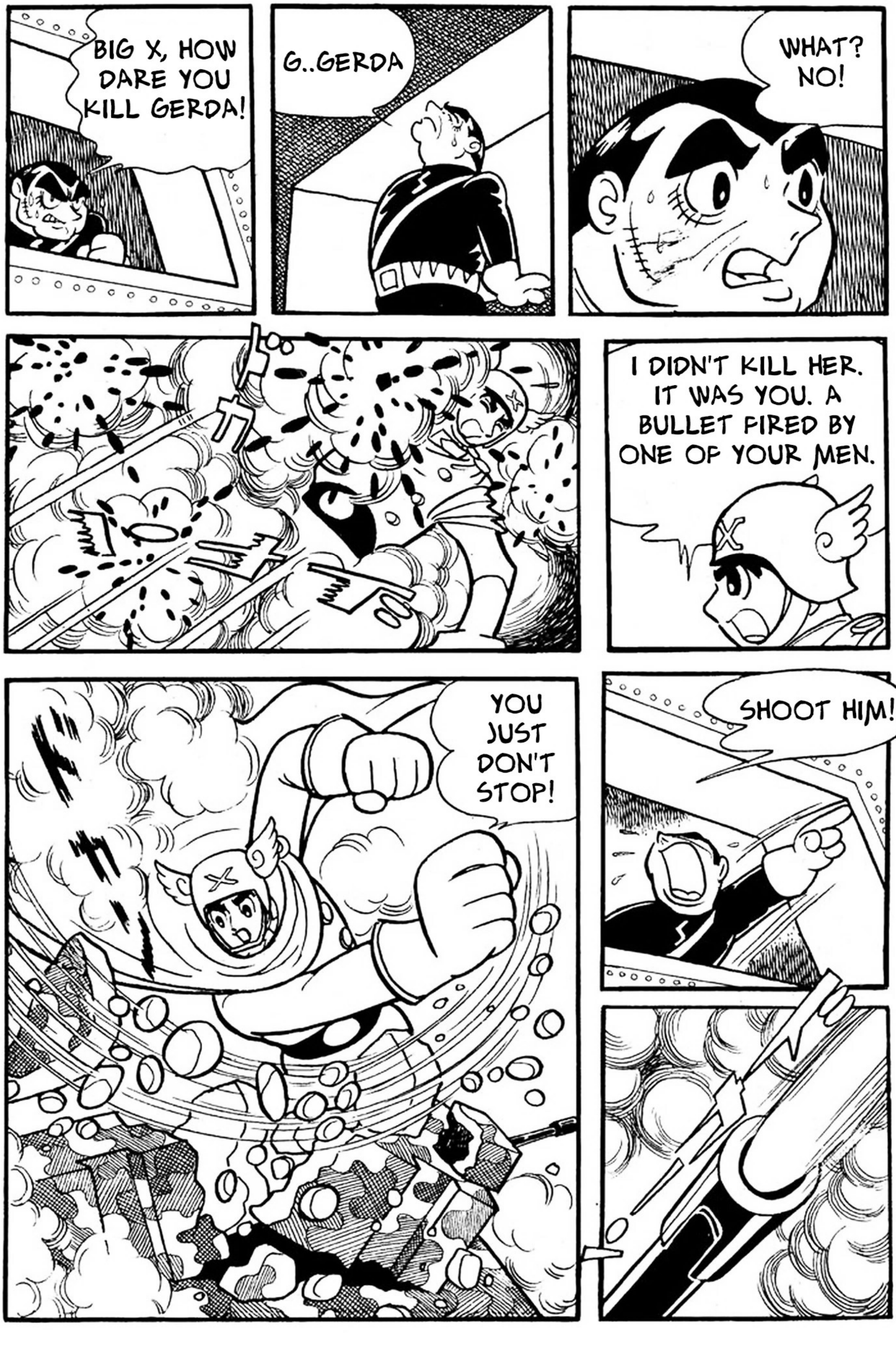

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ACK! TOO MANY POISON SWORDS


AAAAHHH!
TAKE THIS YA JERKS!
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GERDA!
OH GOD!
AND NOW...
I'LL KEEP HER IN HERE
I'M GONNA SAVE YOU... FOR NOW

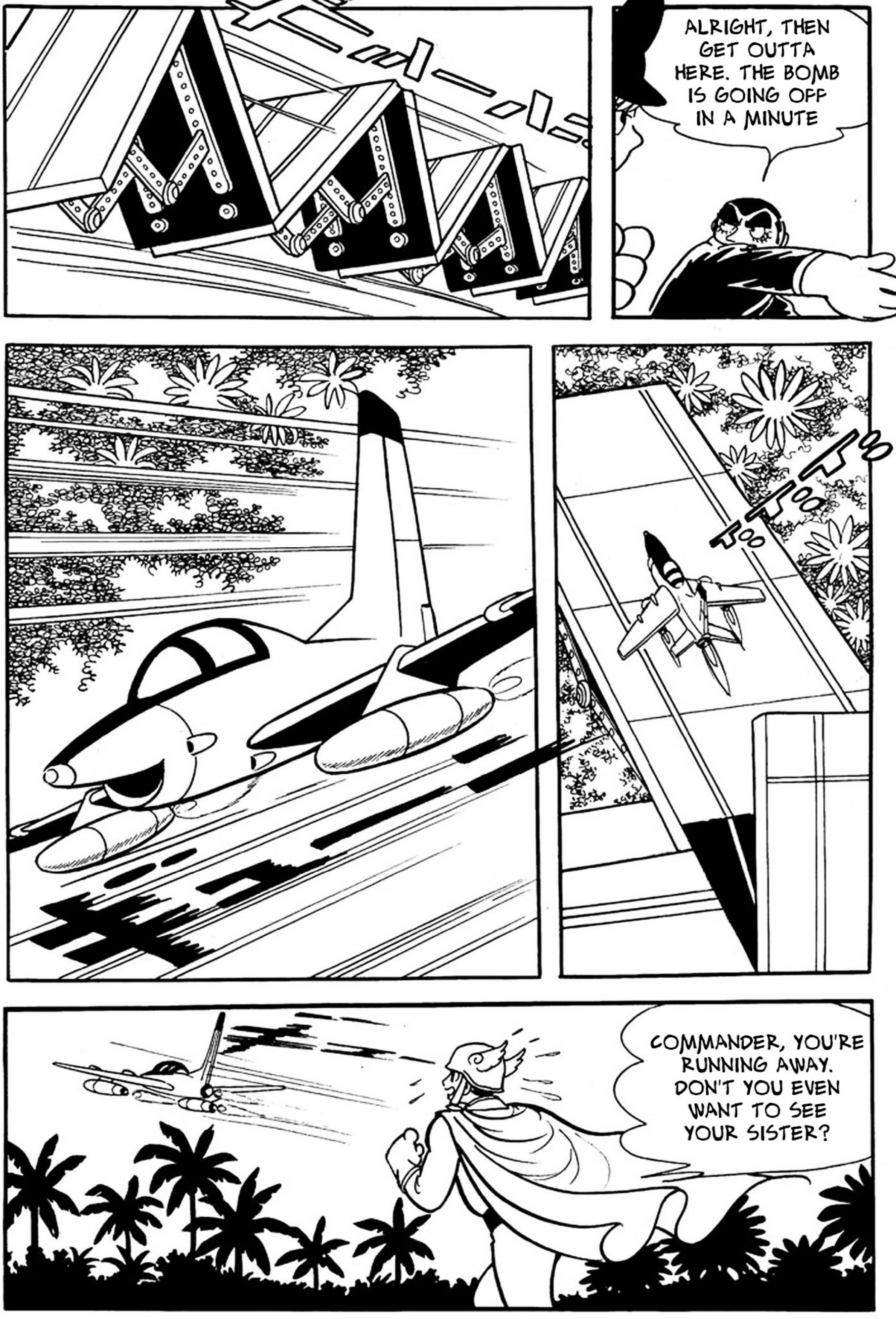

KACHUNG
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UGH
THIS DAMN SPIDER WEBBING
KYAA
EEH

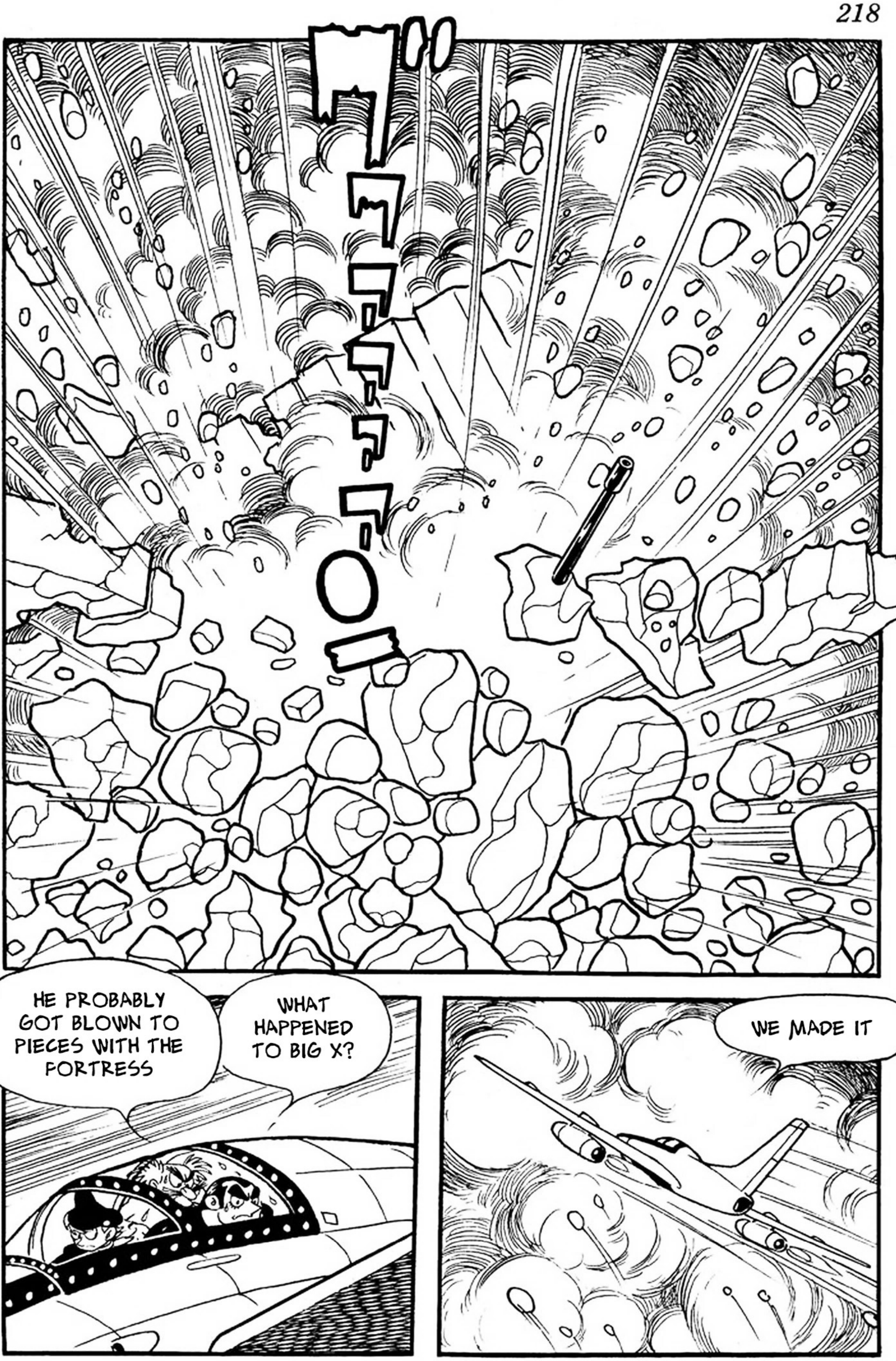

TAKE THAT!
I'M NOT GONNA TAKE IT EASY ON YOU
I'LL TEAR YOU ALL TO SHREDS
EEEEK! HELP!
ENOUGH ALREADY! STOP! THIS IS CRAZY!


GERDA! HOLD ON!
UGH...
I'M GOING BACK TO THE FORTRESS TO GET HER BROTHER
NINA ...
I'M SORRY. YOU WERE A GOOD PERSON ...
LOOK
COMMANDER... CAN YOU HEAR ME? YOUR SISTER IS DEAD


BIG X, HOW DARE YOU KILL GERDA!
G..GERDA
WHAT? NO!
I DIDN'T KILL HER. IT WAS YOU. A BULLET FIRED BY ONE OF YOUR MEN.
YOU JUST DON'T STOP!
SHOOT HIM!

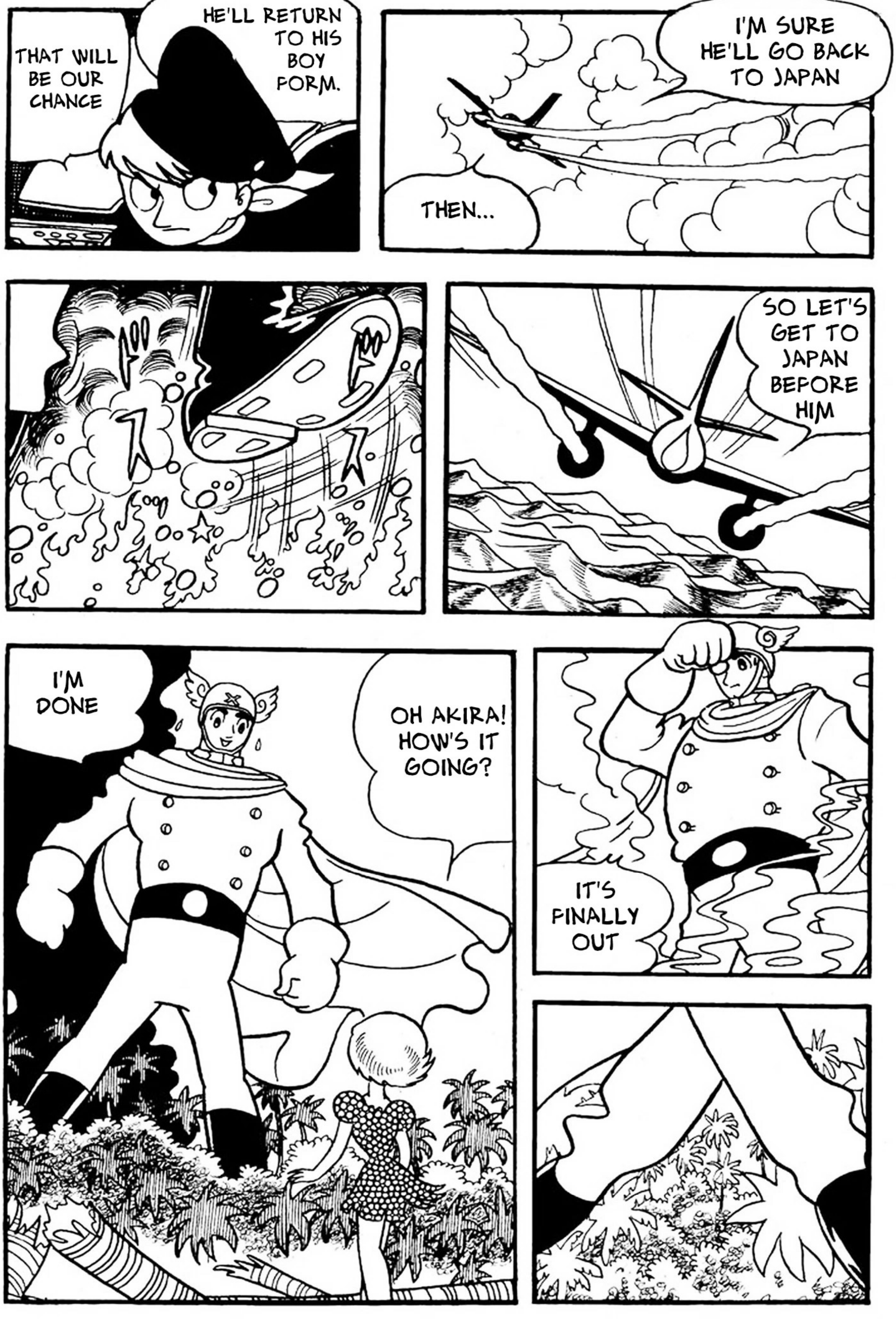

I'LL GET YOU COMM-ANDER
THERE'S NO USE RESISTING. GIVE UP!
WE'RE FINISHED. I'M GONNA BLOW UP THE FORTRESS
EVERYONE OUT! YOU TOO DR!
BUT WHERE WILL WE GO? IF WE FLEE TO NEW YORK H.Q. THEY'LL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS!
GO TO JAPAN
JAPAN?
THAT RIGHT. BIG X WILL BE GOING BACK TO JAPAN.
WE CAN GET THERE FIRST AND TAKE THE BIG X DRUG FROM HIM WHEN HE RETURNS
GOOD IDEA
AND TAKE ME WITH YOU. I'LL JOIN YOUR GROUP
I'M JEALOUS OF BIG X. I NEED HIS STRENGTH
YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CROSS PARTY?
YEAH! I'LL WORK WITH YOU GUYS


ALRIGHT, THEN GET OUTTA HERE. THE BOMB IS GOING OFF IN A MINUTE
COMMANDER, YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY. DON'T YOU EVEN WANT TO SEE YOUR SISTER?


WE MADE IT
WHAT HAPPENED TO BIG X?
HE PROBABLY GOT BLOWN TO PIECES WITH THE FORTRESS



I DOUBT HE DIED SO EASILY
DAMN! HE'S COMING OUT OF THERE!
HE'S NOT HUMAN... HE'S A MONSTER!
HE'S NOT A MONSTER. HE'S LIKE A LIVING CYBORG. HIS BODY IS HARDER THAN STEEL.
IT'S UNBELIEVEABLE
HIS BODY IS INVULNERABLE TO EXPLOSIONS AND ELECTRICTY
BUT HE DOES HAVE A WEAK-NESS
THE DRUG DOESN'T WORK FOR LONG.


HE'LL RETURN TO HIS BOY FORM.
THAT WILL BE OUR CHANCE
I'M SURE HE'LL GO BACK TO JAPAN
THEN...
SO LET'S GET TO JAPAN BEFORE HIM
I'M DONE
OH AKIRA! HOW'S IT GOING?
IT'S FINALLY OUT


NINA
AKIRA, I'VE BEEN SO SAD SINCE WE GOT SEPERATED
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY
THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT OF THE CROSS PARTY.
WE'LL NEVER BE PARTED AGAIN
OUCH! AKIRA!
WHEREVER YOU RUN, I'LL FIND YOU! SCOUNDREL!
BUT I'M SURE THE COMMANDER WAS ON THE PLANE THAT ESCAPED
NINA, IT'S WEARING OFF
OOF
I'M SO SORRY! I GOT CARRIED AWAY


ARE YOU OK?
THIS IS IT
TIME FOR ANOTHER INJECTION
WITHOUT BIG X WE WON'T MAKE IT OUT OF THIS JUNGLE
YEAH BUT I HAVE TO BECOME BIG X AGAIN
WHAT THE!!!
OH
OH
OH!
IT'S ALL USED UP!

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To the readers

In the Osamu Tezuka Manga Collection, you will find many images of foreigners, including black Africans and people from Southeast Asia. Some of these pictures are of underdeveloped countries or exaggerate the past, which is very different from the present situation. Recently, it has been pointed out that such depictions are racist against blacks and some foreigners. As long as there are people who are offended and feel insulted by these pictures, we should listen to them seriously. However, exaggerating and parodying people s characteristics is one of the most important techniques of humor in manga. This is especially true in Tezuka s works, in which people from many countries are parodied. In addition to humans, Tezuka also humorously characterizes the world of animals and plants, as well as the world of the imagination. Even the artist s self-portrait is no exception, and his nose is several times larger than it actually is. The author has always believed that all hatreds and conflicts between civilized and non-civilized, developed and developing countries, powerful and weak, rich and poor, able-bodied and disabled, etc. are evil, and there is a strong "love for humanity" flowing at the bottom of the story.

The reason why we continue to publish the "Osamu Tezuka Manga Collection" is that the author is already deceased and his works cannot be revised, and it is not appropriate for a third party to make any changes to his works, not to mention the problem of moral rights. In addition, we believe that we have a responsibility to protect the works that are regarded as Japan's cultural heritage. We are opposed to all forms of discrimination on the planet and will work to eliminate it. We believe that this is the responsibility of those involved in publishing. We hope that readers will take the opportunity of reading this Tezuka work to recognize the fact that various forms of discriminationexist and to deepen their understanding of this issue.

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